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Remarks upon the Ordinary Form of Bessemer Ingot Cranes.*

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The crane most generally met with in our Bessemer works is shown in Fig. 1. It is top-supported and has a hollow cylindrical mast of cast iron, made in three pieces. The top and bottom pieces are carefully turned, each with a tapered end which fits a turned socket in the corresponding end of the middle piece. The top piece passes through a block in the roof, which forms the top support to the crane. The bottom piece is made the plunger of the hydraulic cylinder at the base, and the middle piece carries the wrought-iron gib and tie-rods. It is the purpose of this paper to follow the principal strains developed by a load upon such a crane, call attention to some weak points of the mast, and to suggest another, and in some respects a better, form of mast and cylinder. Referring to Fig. 1, and also to Fig. 2, which shows merely the axis a b of

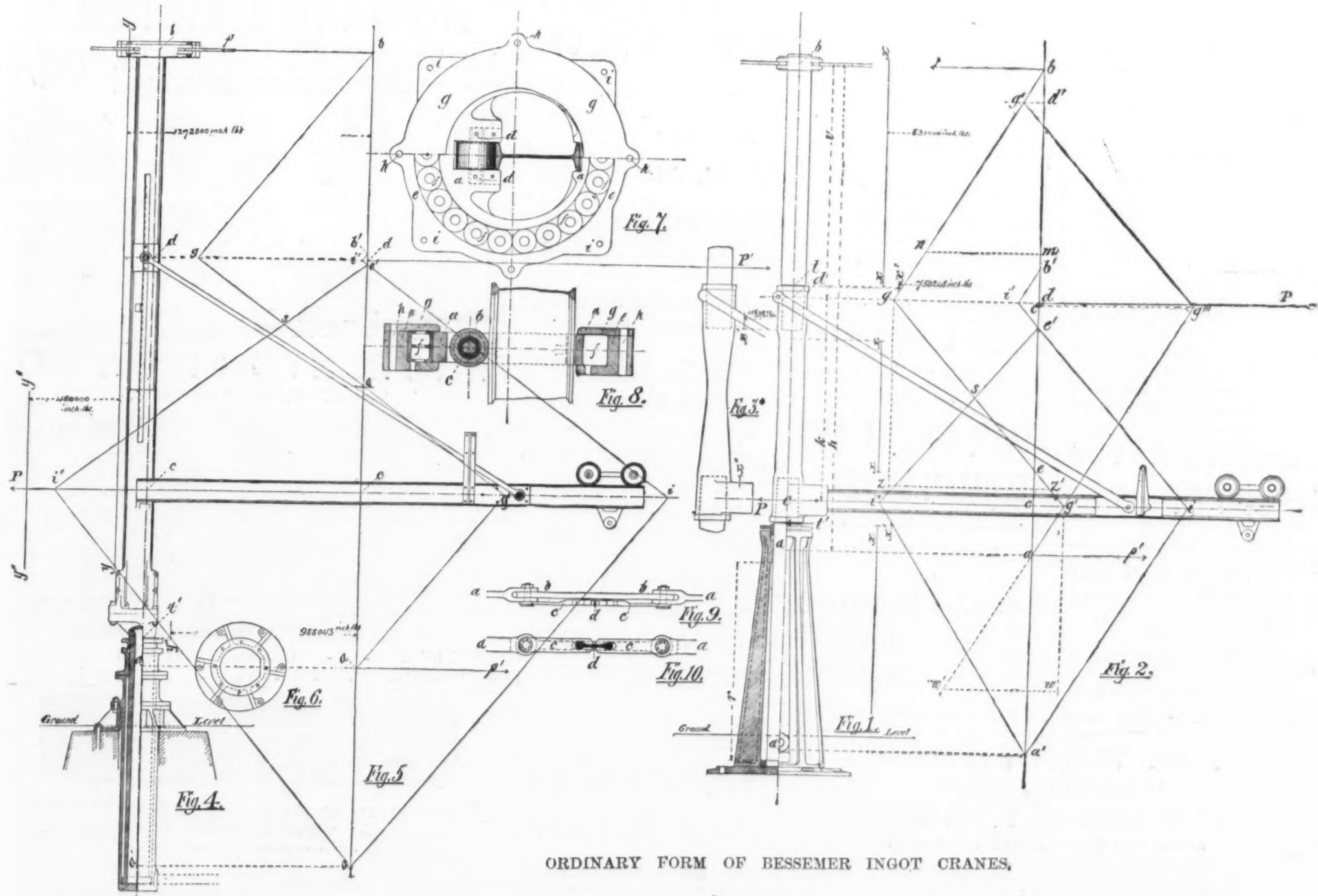
is, the length of the perpendicular distance from any point in the axis of the mast a b to this line gives the measure of the resistance to bending which the mast will offer at that point when the extreme tensile strain upon that cross-section of the mast is 5000 pounds per square inch—the limit to which it is deemed safe to expose cast iron. We notice at the points t and t' , where respectively the top and the bottom pieces are abruptly reduced from 13 inches diameter to 12 inches diameter, that the elastic resistance (see x') is considerably reduced. It is here 750,248 inch-pounds; therefore the distorting tendency of the forces p , p' , &c., or the bending moment, as it is called, must not be at this point greater than the above amount. Now, the weakest position of this mast is when it is at its extreme upper point of stroke; t' is then 123 inches from the force p' , and hence p' multiplied by 123 inches must equal 750,248 inch-pounds, from which it follows that p' must be 6100 pounds. By means of p and formulae given in appendix, we find that W is 6521 pounds; and deducting for the weight of gib, tie-rods, &c., their weight reduced to

are handled very cautiously. By forming the top and the bottom pieces as shown in Fig. 3, merely carrying the full diameter 13 inches, all the way, and, as soon as the length of stroke will permit, slightly enlarging the mast before it enters the socket, the net load which may be handled with safety will be increased to 6697 pounds—a gain of over 44 per cent. Having obtained the value of p , we can by means of formulae, given elsewhere, construct the lines of bending moments. This construction is shown in Fig. 2. When the crane is down g b is the line of moments for the upper part of mast a , b , g b' is the line of moments for the middle part d e , and g' a' is the line for the lower part a c . It will be noticed that the line g b' intersects the axis a b at e , locating a section of the mast at which there is no bending strain.

When the crane is in its highest position, b g' becomes the line of moments for the upper part, g' g'' the line for the middle part, and g'' a' the line for the bottom part. Transferring these lines to their proper position relative to Fig. 1, we see that the

1. The length of the gib. This, with the load, creates the bending strain on the mast, and with the second element, the stroke of the crane, it determines the diameter of the ram, thus fixing the lifting area to be acted upon by the third element—namely, the hydraulic pressure. Any two of these being given, the third practically becomes prescribed within certain limits, in order that the crane shall not be overtaxed or broken down by its own lifting power. If, however, they are all fixed, we may, or we may not, be able to construct a crane that shall be safe under the greatest load it can lift. In the case we are about to consider, all of these elements have been fixed: the first and second ram as used in previous crane, and the same length—123 inches—of the unsupported cylindrical part at full stroke. The annular cross-section of this ram—13 inches outside and 7 inches inside diameter—gives, at 5000 pounds per square inch tensile strain, an elastic moment of 988,043 inch-pounds, which, divided by 123 (the unsupported

from it proportion our mast. A cast-iron mast this size, of adequate strength, will be found cumbersome; a better mast may be made of wrought iron—a heavy 15-inch I-beam, as shown. The line y y' is the line of elastic moments as found from table of I-beams of the Union Iron Mills. We see that opposite the gib the strength of the I-beam is not great enough. It is at a place, however, where it may easily be strengthened, and probably the cheapest way of doing so is by well-fitted cast-iron fish-plates, as shown. The line y' y' is the increase of the elastic moment due to these plates, which clasp the lower end of the beam, and by very heavy flanges at the bottom receive the ram. Projections from these castings are carefully fitted into notches in the flanges of the beam. The ram, immediately upon leaving the gland of the cylinder, is enlarged to meet the casting just described. The cylinder is made with a flange—or with eight separate ribbed lugs if desired—around its body, about 15 inches from its top end. The form of base-plate (see also Fig. 6) is light, and admits of through bolts for securing the cylinder,



ORDINARY FORM OF BESSEMER INGOT CRANES.

the mast with the forces acting upon it, a is point of lateral support to mast at cylinder; b is point of lateral support to mast at block in roof; c and d are the projections upon the axis of the mast of the pins in tie-rods. The weight of the gib with its load tends to revolve the mast toward itself, and for a given load this tendency is obviously greatest when the load is at the outer end of the gib.

Avoiding as far as possible, in the body of this paper, the mathematical formulae, which will be found in the appendix, let us assume that a certain weight, W —which includes the weight of the gib and tie, &c.—placed at the outer end of the gib, is the greatest load that can be safely borne by the crane. W then creates the force P at c , and the force P' at d , and these forces in turn develop the resistances p at a and p' at b , and we may therefore neglect the gib and tie and consider the mast as a beam held at rest by the forces p — P and p' , and these forces, by tending to distort the mast, tax its strength.

In order to get the full use of the mast it ought to be taxed up to its safe limit, but at no place beyond it. In Fig. 2 the lines a — a' , a'' — a''' are the lines of the safe elastic limit of the mast, constructed from formulae which may be found in the appendix; that

end of gib, 1891 pounds, we have left 4630 pounds as the extreme load which may be safely handled by this nominally 10-ton ingot crane, with a total lifting power of 39,810 pounds under 300 pounds hydraulic pressure. From this total lifting power, deducting

Weight of mast (calculated)..... 8955
Gib, &c..... 3185
Friction at a and b ($33\frac{1}{2} \times p$)..... 4066
in stuffing-box (say)..... 4000

Making a total of..... 20,234
We have left 19,576 pounds with which to lift 4630 pounds—that is, the extreme load that can be safely handled is not quite 24 per cent. of the capacity of the crane.

This reduction in the diameter of the mast is certainly a very unnecessary, and at the same time a very serious, error in the design of the crane. Worse places for these reductions could not have been selected, and the error seems to have been copied into many, if not most, of the ingot cranes in use. The breaking of these cranes at one of the places referred to generally at the upper point b is not an unusual occurrence, and in view of the danger, the maximum load, in at least one of our Bessemer Works, has been limited to 3 tons (which is, however, more than the safe limit), and in all the Bessemer works large loads on these cranes

point of no flexure, or the neutral section of the mast, has traveled some distance up the mast during its stroke. We also find, as might have been expected, that the elastic strain sustained by any cross-section of the mast varies considerably during the stroke. Combining the two sets of moment lines we get a — a' — a — a' , the diagram for determining the form of a mast of uniform strength to safely sustain the load W at the outer end of the gib. It gives the maximum bending moment to which each cross-section of the mast is subjected by this load at some one time during a full stroke. This may now be compared with the lines of elastic resistance a — a' , &c., and it can at once be seen at what points the mast is strong and at what points weak. The small moment at a , with the moments increasing above and below it, calls for a middle piece of the shape given in Fig. 3, and shows how unnecessary is the strengthening of this part of the mast by heavy ribs, as is sometimes done, especially in ladle cranes. Before speaking of the modified form of mast for a crane of the type we have been considering, I wish to call attention to the conflicting character, or, to say the least, the independent character, of some of the elements which are to be combined in determining the size of its various parts,

length), gives 8033 pounds for the safe limit for the forces p' and p acting at a and b . This is the limit of strength of the ram and must not be exceeded; but by separating a and b , which may easily be done by sinking the cylinder into the ground, we increase the power of this limit for sustaining a load at the outer end of the gib.

Sinking the cylinder has several advantages—it increases its stability without widening its base, permits of a lighter shell, and allows the use of a smaller base-plate and lighter foundations. There are, however, some objections to it; the principal ones are placing the stuffing-box where it is more exposed to dirt, &c., and bringing the projecting parts of the mast closer to the working level. We have chosen 4 feet above ground for the top of gland; this avoids, in a measure, the above objections, and permits the safe handling of a load of 8918 pounds net. By using a solid ram we may increase this net load nearly 1000 pounds, and by making it hollow, with diameters as given above—but using steel instead of cast iron—the safe load would be about 18,000 pounds, which might be still further increased by sinking the cylinder lower. Having found p' (= 8033 pounds), we may, with the stroke and height of mast—given elsewhere—construct the diagram of bending moments, Fig. 5, and

The top support for this form of mast is shown in Figs. 7 and 8. It consists of a cast-iron ring, a , which carries a wheel, b , running on friction rollers. The steel shaft c is about 2 1/4 inches diameter, and is flattened bottom and top for a few inches on each end, so as to set into sockets at d d' in ring a and be held without revolving. The frame e e' has a lower ledge or flange to support the ring a and the light cast-iron rollers f f' . The cover g g' , secured by bolts through the holes h h' , is placed over the ring a and rollers f f' . The lugs i i' receive the guy-rods. With care in casting the different parts, this top support can be fitted up with very little machine work. The rollers f f' are free, as are also the rollers in the wheel b . The former being short in proportion to their diameter, have no tendency to fall on their sides. The calculated weights are as follows:

CRANE—FIG. 1.
Mast..... 8,955 lbs.
Cylinder..... 3,220 "
Base-plate..... 3,985 "

CRANE—FIG. 5.
Mast { Cast iron..... 5,899 lbs.
Wrought iron..... 1,970 "
Cylinder..... 4,187 "
Base-plate..... 4,097 "

Difference in favor of crane, Fig. 5..... 6,088 lbs.
The mast and cylinder of crane, Fig. 5,

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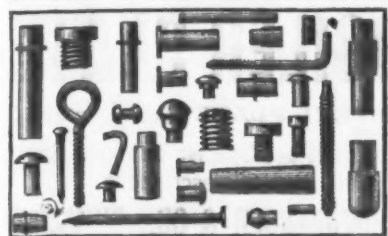
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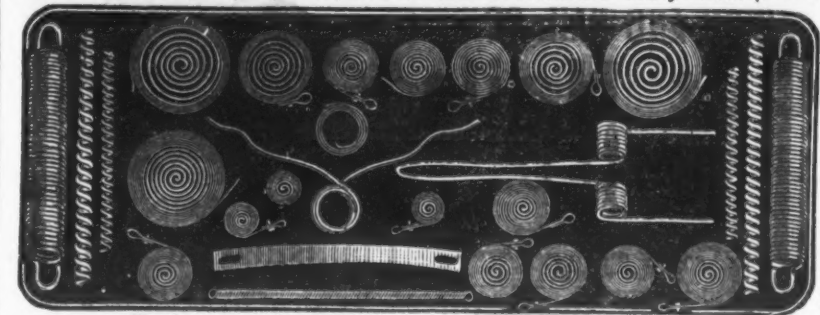
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compares favorably, I think, with those
of Fig. 1, as regards cost of construction;
the top support, however, is more complex.
Its lifting power, like crane, Fig. 1, how-
ever, is far beyond its safe load, as is shown
by the following:

13" dia. = 132.7" area X 300	39,810 lbs.
Lbs. pressure =	7,770 lbs.
Weight of mast, jib, &c. =	3,263 "
Friction, 1/3 of p =	2,603 "
" at b, assume, =	500 "
in stuffing-box, as- sume =	4,000 "
	18,275 "

Leaving a net lifting load
of 21,585 lbs.

with which to lift 8918 pounds, or the safe
load is little over 41 per cent. of the power
of the crane. It would seem that there is
room here for the introduction of a "break-
ing block," or a piece, the breaking of which,
without injury or derangement to the crane,
would give warning that the load was
exceeding the safe limit.

In Figs. 9 and 10 is shown an arrange-
ment designed for this purpose, and one is
introduced into each tie-rod. The tie-rod
a a is forked, and there is inserted a link of
tough, fibrous iron, having its cross-section
of such a size that the bar will commence to
stretch under the maximum load; b b repre-
sents this bar, and c c are castings carrying
a small tell-tale bar, d, of brittle cast-iron,
with a very small cross-section. Any stretch
of b b will cause the breaking of d, and this,
together with the hanging down of the castings
c c, reveals the fact that the safe limit of the crane has been
reached. The tell-tale bar d goes into place
from the back, when the link b b is inserted,
and a small lug or flange, which the bar carries,
prevents it from working through. It therefore remains loose until
bound or broken by the stretch of the link,
and as soon as this occurs the ends of the
castings drop as described. Every time the
crane is strained beyond its safe limit, new
links b b and new bars d must be inserted.

Having noticed such serious defects in the
ordinary form of ingot crane, it may not be
out of place, in conclusion, to mention a
form of crane in which these defects may be
avoided, namely, the Wellman, or rolling gib
crane. This crane is admirably adapted for
safety and strength, and also for economy of
water. The two wrought-iron beams which
form the mast may be proportioned to resist
the bending strain from any desired maxi-
mum load, and the cylinder (placed between
them) proportioned so that a greater load
cannot be lifted. The improved form of
these cranes has two concentric rams, and
by using the inner or smaller ram for light
loads an economy of water is effected. For
economy, however, the hydraulic crane is
not conspicuous. As much work is expended
in lifting an empty crane as is required to
raise the same when loaded to its full lifting
capacity; this follows from the fact that the
same number of cubic inches from the accu-
mulator are required in each case. With the
empty crane the surplus work is expended
in friction in pipes, valves, &c.

APPENDIX.

Referring to Figures 1, 2, 4 and 5:
a = point of lateral support to mast at
cylinder.
b = point of lateral support to mast at
block in roof.
c & d = projections on the axis of the mast
of the pins in the tie-rods.
h = distance from a to b = 263" (in Figs.
1 and 2) = 331" (in Figs. 4 and 5).
k = distance from c to d = 110" (in Figs.
1 and 2) = 125" (in Figs. 4 and 5).
v = variable dist. b to d = 126" to 18"
(in Figs. 1 and 2) = 112" to 4" (in Figs.
4 and 5).
l = working length of gib = 246" (in
Figs. 1 and 2) = 246" (in Figs. 4 and 5).
r = stroke of crane = 108" (in Figs. 1
and 2) = 103" (in Figs. 4 and 5).
W = greatest weight, including ties, gib,
&c., reduced, that can be safely
borne by the crane at the outer end
of the gib.

Formula for elastic resistance of annular
cross sections is:

$$M = .0982 \times \frac{D^4 - d^4}{D} \times f.$$

In which D = outside diameter
d = inside "
f = limit of strain for material
—in this case 5000 pounds tensile strain per
square inch.

By substituting in this equation the values
of D and d given in the following table, we
obtain the moment by which the lines a a, &c.,
&c., are laid off:

	D	d	Moment (M)
From b to t.....	13"	9"	831,000 inch-lbs.
At t.....	13"	9"	710,248 "
Middle piece.....	10"	6"	1,569,874 "
At t.....	13"	9"	831,000 "
At t.....	13"	9"	710,248 "
Ram.....	13"	9"	831,000 "

From which we see that at t and t' are the
weakest moments in the mast. W should
then produce at one or at both of these sec-
tions a bending moment = 750,248 inch-
pounds.

The New England Mills and the New
Tariff.—The manufacturing industries of
New England, says the Boston Herald, are
in a transition state. The supremacy of gen-
erations is seriously challenged, and the
rivalry of other parts of the country renders
the future somewhat problematical. Con-
servative men who handle immense quan-
tities of the merchandise produced in the East-
ern States speak cautiously of the immediate
future, and mill owners are in the midst of
a general discussion of the question of shut-
ting down, or in some degree curtailing pro-
duction. This remark does not apply to all
branches of manufacture. Indeed, there is
no general observation which will apply to
the mills of New England at the present
time, or that can be used in forecasting the
future. In textiles, some branches will rush
production through the fall, while others will
run as moderately as practicable. In all
branches, as a heavy handler of goods said
recently, the best goods will always find a
market, so those mills which run a high
grade of textiles will not only not curtail pro-
duction, but will, in many cases, largely in-
crease it. The outlook for the fall business of
New England mills is based upon facts gath-
ered from the representatives of the leading

manufacturing interests in this section. It
is true that the conservative and the san-
guine business man will draw different con-
clusions from the same conditions, but the
diverse views do not neutralize each other;
they picture actual and important phases in
the business problem as it appears to those
who must keep mills in motion and ware-
houses emptying as fast as they fill. It is
pretty generally conceded that nearly all
mills which produce woven fabrics must
struggle for a while against the results of a
change in the tariff, and that for a few
months, for this reason alone, they will be
obliged to run without profit.

Water-Gas as Fuel.

In a paper read before the American In-
stitute of Mining Engineers, Mr. W. A.
Goodyear, M. E., New Haven, Conn., gives
the following interesting information on the
subject of water-gas:

It is safe to assert that in cities generally,
the fuel of the future for all domestic, as
well as for most manufacturing and metal-
lurgical purposes, will be gaseous fuel. The
immense advantages which gas possesses in
facility and cheapness of distribution, clean-
liness and economy of manipulation, and the
facilities which it offers for utilizing in al-
most all cases a much higher percentage of
the total quantity of heat produced than it
is possible to do with any kind of solid fuel,
are facts which will vastly more than com-
pensate for the comparatively small loss of
heating power which will be found neces-
sary in the turning of the solid fuel into gas
upon a large scale, and which, in the opinion
of the writer, will, at no distant day, com-
mand attention, and will ultimately result in
a revolution in our use of fuel.

The employment of gaseous fuel upon a
scale of any considerable magnitude has
hitherto been almost entirely confined to the
utilization of the waste gases of the iron smelt-
ing furnace for heating the blast, and the
rapidly increasing use for certain metallur-
gical purposes of Siemens generator gases.
By means of the latter, it becomes possible
in many localities to utilize solid fuel of so
poor a quality as to be utterly unfit for direct
application to metallurgical purposes, while
the gas which it furnishes is easy of applica-
tion, and is capable of producing without
difficulty the highest degrees of heat ever
required in such operations. But as a fuel
for general application to domestic and man-
ufacturing purposes, the Siemens generator
gas has two great drawbacks: First, the
total quantity of heat which it is capable of
producing for a given volume of gas is
quite small in comparison with what can be
obtained from some other gases, while if the
comparison were made between equal
weights instead of equal volumes, the differ-
ence would be greater still, for the Siemens
gas is a gas of high specific gravity. Sec-
ond, this gas always contains a very large
percentage of nitrogen, together with smaller
quantities of some other gases, which not
only add nothing to its heating power, but
carry off with them and render it impos-
sible to utilize a considerable percentage of
the heat actually produced by the combus-
tible ingredients.

The latest experiments on a scale of some
magnitude in our cities, in the way of heat-
ing buildings and furnishing power for man-
ufacturing purposes, have been by the dis-
tribution of high-pressure steam through
pipes laid in the streets. But these experi-
ments have not hitherto been very success-
ful, and when we consider the high cost and
the great and unavoidable loss of heat and
power which always accompany the convey-
ance of high-pressure steam to any consider-
able distance in pipes, to say nothing of cer-
tain practical difficulties in the management
of the pipes themselves, it is evident that all
such methods must eventually disappear be-
fore a system which can furnish a cheap gas
of great heating power, easily distributed
wherever wanted, without requiring pipes to
stand pressures of 50 to 75 pounds per square
inch, and without keeping the whole mass
of ground in the streets through which it
passes, hot, gratis, for a distance of 10 to 15
feet in all directions around the pipes.

The gas which best answers all the most
important requisites for a good gaseous fuel
is "water-gas," consisting essentially of a
mixture of equal volumes of carbonic oxide
and free hydrogen, obtained from the de-
composition of steam by contact with incan-
descent carbon. Much experimenting has
been done under various patents within the
last few years, in the way of attempts to
produce a cheap and good illuminating gas,
by the enriching of water gas with the
vapors of the various heavy hydrocarbons,
and these experiments have been attended
with a certain degree of success. But it
seems somewhat remarkable that, while so
much ingenuity and money have been ex-
pended in that direction, the far easier
adaptability of water-gas as a means for the
cheap and convenient production of heat,
and the immensely greater field which is
open for its application to this purpose, have
been, comparatively speaking, almost entirely
neglected. The chief cause of this neglect
lies probably in the fact that hitherto no
method has been generally known by means
of which water-gas could be produced at so
low a cost and in such large quantities as are
required for a fuel gas. There is good rea-
son to believe, however, that an apparatus
devised by the writer will supply this lack,
and that water-gas can now be made in any
quantities that may be desired, and at a cost
that, besides leaving a handsome profit to the
manufacturers, will render its general use in
cities far more economical than that of any
kind of solid fuel. In support of this asser-
tion, I propose to present, first, a short out-
line sketch of the most prominent features
of the apparatus referred to, and its general
method of working; second, some theoret-
ical considerations with reference to the abso-
lute heating power and maximum flame tem-
perature of water-gas, as compared with
those of ordinary illuminating gas and the
gas from Siemens generators, and, third,
a few resulting inferences and general re-
marks. The apparatus itself consists of a
generator, in combination with regenerative
or superheating chambers and proper pipe
connections to carry out the process.

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appear somewhat complex, a very little study
will suffice to show that not only the apparatus

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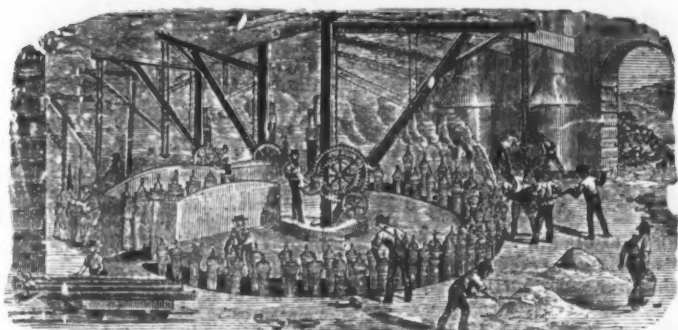
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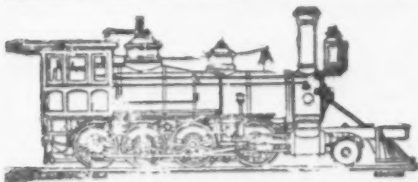
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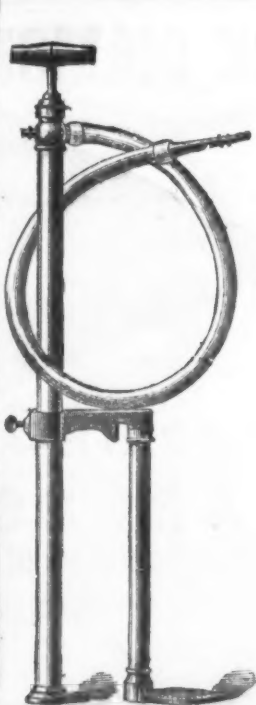


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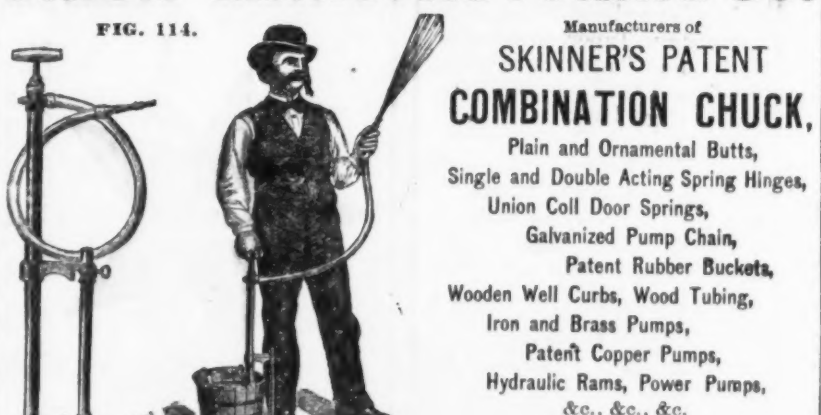


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By 2715.073 lbs. carbonic oxide, " =	133,038

Total carried off by gases..... = 501,638

If to the 501,638 calories carried off by
the gases we add the amount of heat absorbed
in the decomposition of 1745.475 pounds of
steam, viz.: 2,870,225 calories, we obtain
3,371,863 calories, which is the quantity of
heat produced by burning 417.3097 pounds
of carbon to carbonic acid. The 2,870,225
calories absorbed in the decomposition of
the steam are, of course, not lost, but are, as
it were, stored up in the mixed hydrogen
and carbonic oxide gases, to be given out
again whenever they are burned. Further:
103.934 lbs. = 34,668 cu. ft. hydrogen, Calories
burned to steam, will produce..... 5,747,822
2715.073 lbs. = 34,668 cu. ft. carbonic
oxide, burned to carbonic acid, will
produce..... 6,524,333

Total..... 12,272,155

Thus, 69,336 cubic feet of mixed gases,
derived from 2000 pounds of anthracite, and
consisting of equal volumes of hydrogen and
carbonic oxide, will produce by their combus-
tion 12,272,155 calories, which is about
81 per cent. of 15,190,400 calories, the latter
being the total heat-producing power of the
1880 pounds of carbon contained in the 2000
pounds of anthracite. If the apparatus in
which the gases are burned be so constructed
as to condense the steam produced by the
combustion of the hydrogen, then (since the
latent heat of steam is 536° C.) there will be
saved from that source the additional quan-
tity of 935,538 calories, making a total of
13,207,693 calories, or about 87 per cent.
of the total heat-producing power of the coal.

To compute the maximum flame tempera-
ture, take 1 pound of hydrogen and 14 pounds
of carbonic oxide, being equal volumes. For
their combustion to steam and carbonic acid
these gases will require 66.1815 pounds of
air, consisting of 16 pounds of oxygen and
50.1815 pounds of nitrogen, and to heat the
products of their combustion 1° C. will re-
quire the following amounts of heat:

	Calories.
1 lb. of steam will take.....	4,345
1 lb. of carbonic acid will take.....	4,780
50.1815 lbs. of nitrogen ".....	12,234

Total..... 21,359

But in combustion.....

	Calories.
1 lb. of hydrogen burned to steam produces.....	59,638
14 lbs. of carbonic oxide burned to carbonic acid produce.....	13,642

Total..... 73,280

Therefore, the maximum flame temperature =

61,280 + 21,359 = 82,639° C., or 5375° F.

Now, in order to institute a comparison
between water gas, ordinary illuminating
gas and Siemens generator gas, I will con-
sider in succession 100 cubic feet of each of
these three sorts of gas, giving in each case
the specific gravity of the gas, its composi-
tion and weight, the composition and
weight of the products of its complete
combustion in air, the number of calori-
es produced by such combustion, and the
maximum flame temperature, all com-
puted from data herein assumed, so that any
one so disposed may judge of the data and
verify the computation at his leisure:

NO. 1.—WATER GAS—100 CUBIC FEET.

	Specific gravity.....	Weight.....	Calories.....
Hydrogen.....	0.070	1.4	59,638
Carbonic oxide.....	0.973	9.73	13,642
Products of (Steam, 2.573 lbs.) complete comb. Carb. acid, 6.134 lbs., burned in air.....		22,706	
Calories produced by complete combustion in air.....		17,692	
Maximum flame temperature = 2568° C., or 5375° F.			

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The composition of illuminating gas varies
greatly, and no such thing as an exact aver-
age of its composition or quality can be said
to exist. It is necessary, however, to assume
some definite composition as a basis upon
which to found a computation. The composi-
tion which I shall assume as representing
a fair ordinary quality of illuminating gas is
the mean of three analyses of gases manu-
factured by three different companies in the
city of London, as given in Ure's Dictionary,
7th edition, 1875. This mean, stated in
volumetric percentages, is as follows:

	Percentage.....
Illuminating hydrocarbons.....	1.59
Marsh gas.....	37.07
Hydrogen.....	48.06
Carbonic oxide.....	8.12
Carbonic acid.....	0.30
Nitrogen.....	2.40
Oxygen.....	0.57

Total..... 100.00

It will be noticed that in this analysis the
heavy hydrocarbons (of which there is quite a
variety) which impart to the gas its illumi-
nating power are all grouped together in a
single item, as "illuminating hydrocarbons."
But the percentage which these hydrocar-
bons form of the whole mass of the gas is so
small that no very serious error can be
introduced in computing the total heat-pro-
ducing power of the gas if we assume that
their specific gravity is equal to that of
oxygen gas, and that the ratio of carbon to
hydrogen in the whole of them is the same
as in oxygen gas, viz.: 6 of carbon to 1 of hy-
drogen, by weight. I shall proceed, therefore,
on this assumption. In converting these volu-
metric percentages into weight percentages,
I also assume that the specific gravity of
oxygen gas is 0.985, and that of marsh gas, 0.556.
Furthermore, in computing the total heat-
producing power of this gas, I assume that
no heat whatever is absorbed by the mere
disruption of the hydrocarbons; or, in other
words, that each atom of carbon and each
atom of hydrogen which they contain pro-
duces in their combustion just as much sensi-
ble heat as it would do if the carbon and
hydrogen were only mechanically mixed
instead of being already chemically com-
bined. On these assumptions, then, we have
for the 100 cubic feet of illuminating gas
the following results:

	Specific gravity.....	Weight.....	Calories.....
Oxygen gas.....	0.985	1.4	59,638
Marsh gas.....	0.556	1.4	13,642
Hydrogen.....	0.070	1.4	59,638
Carbonic oxide.....	0.973	9.73	13,642
Carbonic acid.....	0.985	1.4	59,638
Nitrogen.....	0.973	9.73	13,642
Oxygen.....	0.985	1.4	59,638

Total..... 100.00

Another point in connection with this
apparatus is the almost absolute impossibility
of dangerous explosions, for, the pressure
being steadily outward at all times and in
every part of the apparatus, if any leaks oc-
cur they can only result in the escape and
loss of gas or steam, and no opportunity is
ever offered for external air to enter and
form explosive mixtures with the gas inside.
We have already seen that 2000 pounds of
anthracite coal of the quality and under the
conditions specified above should be capable,
viewed from a theoretical standpoint, of
producing 69,336 cubic feet of water-gas, of
about equal intrinsic value for heating pur-
poses to one-half the same volume of a fair
quality of illuminating gas. It is not pre-
tended, of course, that this result can be fully
realized. But leaving generous margin, it
is safe to assert that, in practice on a large
scale, the equivalent of 50,000 cubic feet of
such gas from each 2000 pounds of anthra-
cite of good ordinary quality can be realized
and even somewhat exceeded. At this rate,
and at \$4 per ton of 2000 pounds for anthra-
cite, the cost of the coal required would be
only 8 cents per 1000 cubic feet of gas. The cost
of the labor involved and interest on capital
invested per 1000 cubic feet of gas will,
of course, vary very largely with the scale
of magnitude upon which operations are
conducted.

The capabilities of development of this
apparatus are enormous. The generator
may be built, to a certain extent, after
the general model of the shafts of iron blast
furnaces, with a crucible at the bottom,
so that by adding to the fuel a small quan-
tity of the proper fluxes all the mineral
ingredients of the fuel may be melted
down and from time to time tapped in the
condition of liquid slag from the bottom
of the generator, just as slag and iron are

Products of complete com- bustion in air.

	Weight.....	Calories.....
Steam.....	6.134 lbs.	59,638
Carbonic acid.....	5.334 "	53,458
Nitrogen.....	30.764 "	17,692

Calories produced by complete combustion in
air = 83,692.

Maximum flame temperature = 2547.2° C. =
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The composition of this gas also varies
largely. But a good quality of it would be
represented by a mixture of equal volumes
of carbonic oxide and nitrogen. I shall as-
sume this composition, from which I deduce
the following results for 100 cubic feet:

	Specific gravity.....	Weight.....	Calories.....
Carbonic oxide.....	0.973	9.73	13,642
Nitrogen.....	0.973	9.73	13,642

Products of complete combustion in air.....

	Weight.....	Calories.....
Carbonic acid.....	6.134 lbs.	59,638
Nitrogen.....	19.467 "	17,692

Calories produced by complete combustion in
air = 77,330.

Maximum flame temperature = 2354.4° C., or
4270° F.

Comparing now the water gas with Si-
emens generator gas, we see that the for-
mer, with a specific gravity but little over
half as great, gives a considerably higher
maximum flame temperature, and yields
for equal volumes nearly twice the total
quantity of heat produced by the latter.
But, compared with illuminating gas, the
water-gas has about one-third greater specific
gravity, and yields about one-half as great
a total quantity of heat for equal volumes,
while it can produce a maximum flame tem-
perature fully as high as that of the illumi-
nating gas. It is also worth noticing that
the nature and quantity of the products of
combustion of water-gas are such that, when
discharged at the same temperature, they
carry off with them just about the same per-
centage of the total quantity of heat pro-
duced as do the products of the combustion
of illuminating gas, while in the case of the
Siemens generator gas the percentage of
heat thus lost is considerably larger.

It is not to be supposed, of course, that
the precise results of such computations as
these can ever be exactly realized in prac-
tice, for the precise data which it is neces-
sary to assume in order to be able to make
any computation at all are in reality never
met with in practice. As a matter of fact,
Siemens generator gas never consists ex-
actly of 50 per cent. of carbonic oxide and
50 per cent. of nitrogen, but is always more
or less contaminated with carbonic acid and
other impurities, and contains small quan-
tities of various hydrocarbons, &c., the quan-
tity and nature of which vary with different
fuels, and with the varying conditions of its
production. And as to illuminating gas,
no two samples of it can be found in the
country having exactly the same per-
centage composition, while water-gas itself
will never consist entirely of equal volumes
of carbonic oxide and free hydrogen, but
will always contain small quantities of car-
bonic acid and some other impurities, to-
gether with a greater or less amount of
hydrocarbons, according to the nature of the
fuel employed in its production, the purest
anthracite itself being never entirely free
from hydrocarbon compounds. Neverthe-
less the data herein assumed are such that,
so far as heat-producing power is concerned,
they represent good, fair qualities of the
three different kinds of gas under considera-
tion closely enough not only to afford a just
basis of comparison between these gases, but
also a basis for safe estimate as to what can
actually be accomplished with water-gas.

The percentage of carbonic acid contained in
the water gas may always be reduced to a very
small quantity, inasmuch as it is always
easy to have the depth of the coal in the
generator sufficiently great, so that, what-
ever may be the pressure of the blast em-
ployed, the carbonic acid which is formed in
the bottom of the generator, where the blast
first strikes the coal, must be practically
nearly all reduced to carbonic oxide before
it issues from the top. Another circumstance
in the construction of this apparatus which
not only greatly facilitates the rapid decom-
position of the steam, but also largely in-
creases the length of time during which each
successive blast of steam may be continually
sent through the generator before the latter
becomes cooled down sufficiently to require
another blast of air, is the very highly super-
heated condition in which the greatest por-
tion of the steam enters the generator. In
fact, there is no serious obstacle to having
the first portions of every blast of steam
enter the generator at a temperature nearly
as high as the best fire-brick can stand with-
out danger of glazing.

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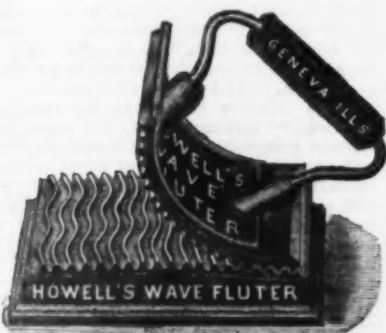
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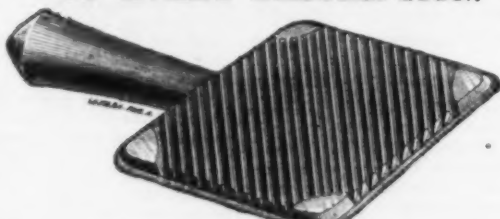
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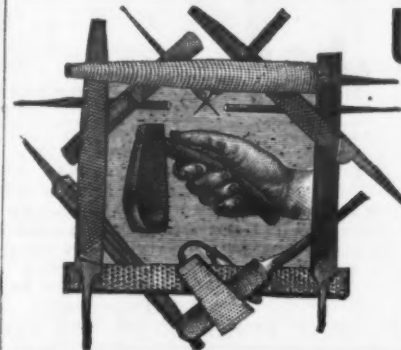


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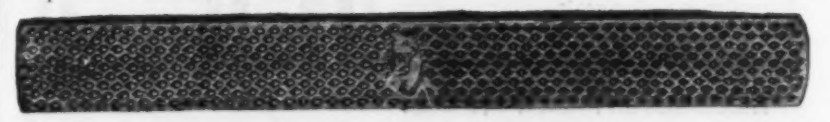
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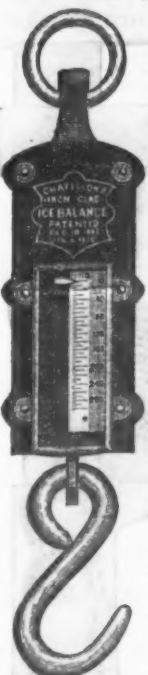
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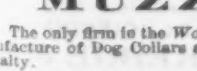
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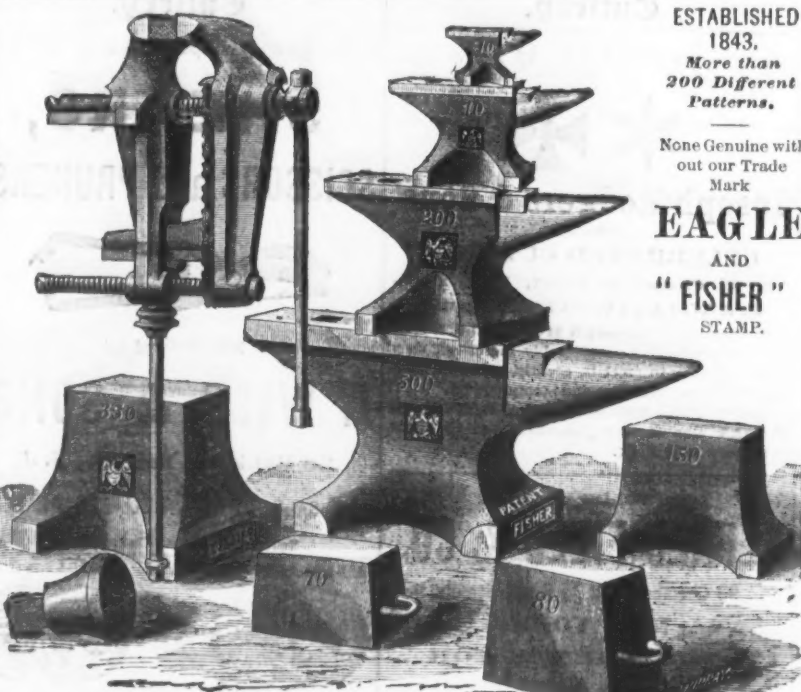
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tapped from the crucible of a blast furnace. There is, of course, no practical difficulty in building regenerative chambers of fire-brick of sufficient capacity to meet the requirements of the generator, however large that may be. And there is no good reason why a single apparatus should not be built which would be capable of turning 100,000 tons of anthracite into more than 50,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day.
 Another item worthy of notice in connection with this apparatus is the fact that any sort of carbonaceous fuel may be employed therein which does not offer too much obstruction to the passage through it of a powerful blast of air or steam. If non-coking bituminous coal be used, then the water-gas will simply have its heating powers increased by the amount of the hydrocarbons which it will contain. Among the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania an apparatus of this sort could take the coal as it comes from the mines, without breaking, screening or sorting (except to pick out lumps of rock), and turn it into gas. By taking the coal at the mines, without breaking or screening, its cost per ton would be less than half what the broken and screened coal can be sold for in New York; and with an apparatus of the magnitude just mentioned, the cost of labor would be but a fraction of a cent per 1000 feet, so that the total cost of the gas manufactured upon such a scale at the mines, including interest on capital invested, and all other incidental expenses, would probably not exceed 5 or 6 cents per 1000 cubic feet. It is also easier and cheaper to transport gas in pipes than it is to transport coal by rail, and the writer firmly believes that the time is not far distant when our cities generally will use gas far more than coal or steam for all ordinary heating purposes.

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5. On all pig iron sold under the rules of the exchange, the buyer shall have the right to demand that the delivery order shall be accompanied by a certificate of inspection, signed by an inspector licensed by the New York Metal Exchange, whose fee shall be paid by the seller, and whose certificate shall be a good tender in proof of grade and quality, but subject to appeal to the Committee on Pig Iron. Inspectors' fees shall be: On 100 tons or less, \$5; for every additional 100 tons or fraction thereof, 50 cents.

COMMISSIONS.
 6. The minimum rate of commission on pig iron bought or sold on margin for a party not a member of the exchange shall be 10 cents per ton, and where a "turn" is made (involving two transactions—viz., a purchase and sale) a commission must be charged on both, this rule being equally applicable to extension or transfer of contracts from one month to another. The minimum rate of commission to members of the exchange shall be one-half the above rates, where the contract is accepted and carried by the party making the sale. On pig iron bought from or sold to a non-member for a member under the rules, by a broker, where both principals' names are given up and contracts passed directly between them, a brokerage of 1 per cent. shall be charged and paid; but where both parties to such a contract are members of the exchange, the rate of commission shall be 5 cents per ton. The above-mentioned rates shall be in each case the minimum commission that may be charged by any member of this exchange, and shall be absolutely free of all and any rebate or discount in any way, shape or manner, under penalty of expulsion from the exchange.

Rules Governing Transactions in Old Iron and Steel Between Members of the New York Metal Exchange.

COMMITTEE ON OLD MATERIAL.
 1. At the first meeting of the Board of Managers after their election, the president shall (subject to the approval of the board) appoint as a Committee on Old Material three members of the exchange. It shall be the duty of this committee to grade and classify old iron and steel, and to them shall be reported all cases of complaint against inspectors, and also any question or dispute in regard to the inspection, quality, grade or weight of

old iron or steel. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, and a decision of a majority present at any hearing shall be final and binding. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, and a fee of \$9 dollars shall be paid to the committee for each reference case heard by them, to be paid by the party adjudged to be in fault, unless otherwise ordered by the committee.

CLASSIFICATION.
 2. As soon as practicable after their appointment, the Committee on Old Iron and Steel shall make a classification of scrap iron, as "No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, New York Metal Exchange Classification," and also a classification of old rails and crop ends, and on all contracts under these rules only such iron and steel shall constitute a good delivery for the grade called for by the contract as shall fully comply with the official specification (unless by special agreement at time of sale), which specification shall be posted conspicuously on the exchange, and copies thereof furnished to any member who may apply for them.

DELIVERIES.
 3. Deliveries of old iron and steel shall, unless by special contract, be from such warehouse as may be licensed by the New York Metal Exchange, free to vessel or lighter. On contracts for delivery at Philadelphia or Baltimore, deliveries shall be made ex-vessel or warehouse, and free to vessel or lighter.

INSPECTION.

4. On all deliveries of old material inspection to be governed as in pig iron.

Rules Governing Transactions in Manufactured Iron and Steel Between Members of the New York Metal Exchange.

BAR IRON.

1. Merchant bar iron, to be good delivery, must be in accordance with the Eastern classification of regular sizes and extras; must be of strictly neutral quality, neither cold nor red short. Bars must be of uniform lengths, from 15 to 17 feet long for sizes 1 1/2" to 6" wide by 3/4" to 2" thick for flats, 3/4" to 4" rounds and squares (unless otherwise specified). All flat and square bars to have good square edges. Round bars to be uniformly round. All bars to be free from defects, such as flaws, seams, cracks, &c., and practically straight and rolled true to size. Other sizes than above specified to be manufactured and packed as buyers may desire.

Any disputes as to quality or specification of bar iron shall be settled by a special committee of three, to be appointed by the president of the New York Metal Exchange.

STEEL BLOOMS.

2. Steel blooms, to be a good delivery, shall, unless by special contract, be of good, homogeneous steel, free from flaws, 7 inches square, and not more than 6 to 10 pounds or less than 500 pounds in weight, and delivered free to vessel or lighter in the port of New York, ex-ship, or a warehouse designated by the Warehouse Committee of the New York Metal Exchange, and delivery order must be accompanied by a certificate of analysis by an approved chemist at point of manufacture. Any disputes as to quality to be settled by a special committee of three, to be appointed by the president of the New York Metal Exchange.

General Rules Governing Transactions in Iron and Steel Between Members of the New York Metal Exchange.

CALLS.

1. There shall be a public call each day at 11 a. m. on American anthracite pig iron, old rails, and such other kinds of iron and steel as may from time to time be designated by the committees on Pig Iron and Old Material, to be conducted by the secretary of the exchange, or, in his absence, by a person to be selected by a majority of the members present. Spot shall be called first, and then the months in their order, for each article. No offer to buy or sell shall be entertained at a less difference than 25 cents per ton, or for a smaller quantity than 100 tons. The first offer to buy or sell at a price shall be accepted before subsequent offers at the same price may be placed. Subsequent offers to buy at a higher or sell at a lower price shall vacate prior offers to buy at lower or sell at higher prices. A transaction shall vacate all previous bids and offers. All disputes as to offers, acceptances or withdrawals shall be decided on the spot by the person presiding at the time, subject to an appeal to the members present. The appeal must be promptly taken, and a majority of the members present and voting shall settle the disputed point finally.

The secretary shall immediately after each call cause to be printed on the bulletin of the Exchange the results of the call, setting forth the bidding and asking prices of the several articles dealt in.

At the close of each call, settling prices shall be announced by the person conducting the calls, subject to the trade there assembled, and the prices so fixed shall govern all calls for margins. These prices shall also be used for settlements of contracts, and of differences on deliveries under contracts, in accordance with the by-laws and trade rules on iron and steel.

MARGINS.

2. Either party to a contract, prior to or upon signing the same, shall have the right to call an original margin of \$2 per ton on iron, and either party may call for margins to meet variations in the market.

All margins on contracts shall be deposited in one of such trust companies, banks incorporated by the State, or National banks, as may have been designated for the purpose by the Finance Committee of the New York Metal Exchange.

When margins are called before 12 o'clock m., they must be deposited before 3 o'clock p. m. the same day; if after 12 o'clock m., they must be deposited before 11 o'clock a. m. the next day.

3. In case of failure to deposit as above, then the party calling the margin shall notify, in writing, the party on whom the margins were called of his or their failure to make the required deposit, and if the margins are not then promptly deposited, and if the party in default fails to give a proper notice of his failure, the party calling the margins shall have the right to cover his or their contract at discretion for account of party failing to respond to the call for margin, and, if cov-

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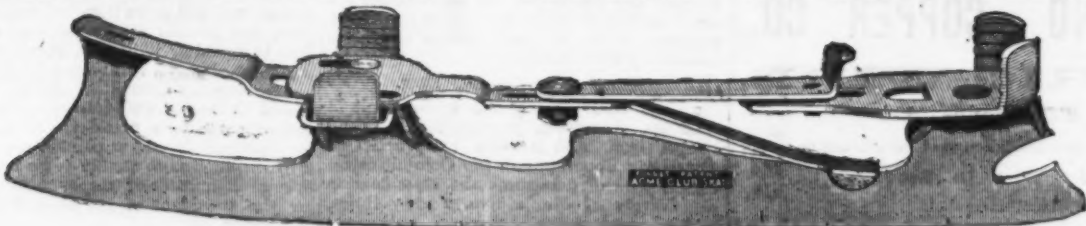
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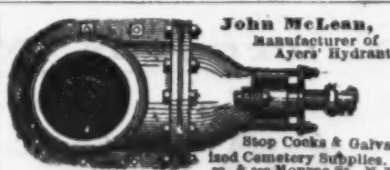
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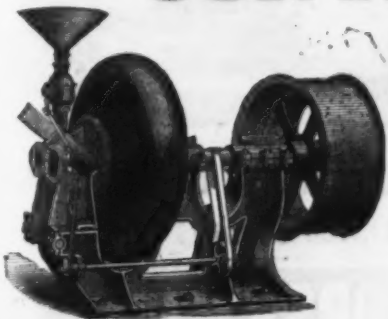
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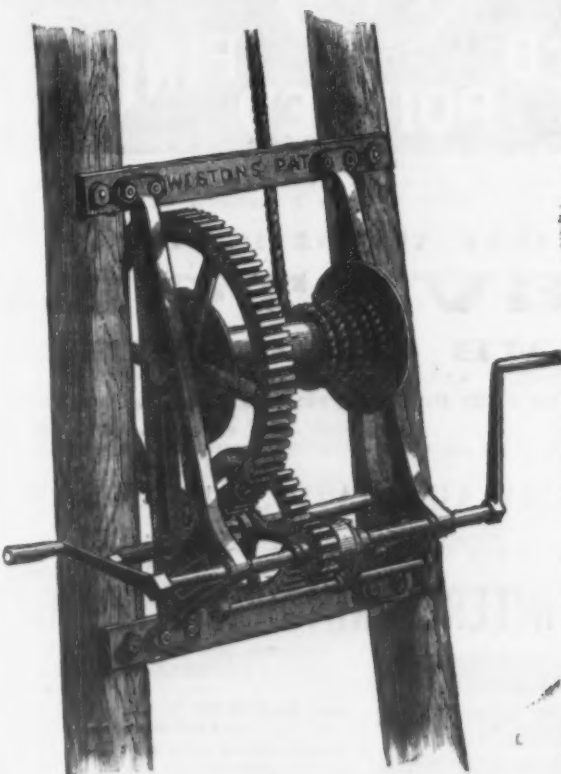
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ALLOWANCES.

4. The ton of iron or steel shall be 2240 pounds, avoirdupois weight. On contracts for specific lots, sold to arrive, 25 per cent., more or less, may be delivered, but any deficiency or excess greater than 10 per cent. must be settled for at the market price on day of delivery.

SETTLEMENT OF CONTRACTS.

5. Contracts shall not be transferable, and any difference found to be due on settlement shall apply on account between the parties to the contract. Any party holding a contract against another, corresponding in all respects (except as to price) with one held by the other party against him, may close or cancel both by giving notice in writing to said party; and where it appears that several parties have contracts corresponding (except as to price), and that a "ring settlement" can be made, the party finding said "ring" shall notify all parties thereto, giving names, time of delivery, quantity and settlement of price (which price must be within 25 cents of the market), and get their acknowledgments, from which time the said "ring" shall be in force, and cannot be broken by the failure of any of the parties therein, and all parties thereto shall be compelled to settle their differences on said contract with each other on the basis of the settlement price.

Where settlements of contracts for a specified month are made before maturity of said contracts, the legal rate of interest shall be allowed on the differences paid up to the first day of the maturing month.

All offers to buy iron or steel openly, for future delivery, on the floor of the exchange, must be open to the member first accepting such offer.

Verbal contracts, when satisfactorily proven, shall have the same standing as written contracts; but the claim under such contracts must be made on the day of the alleged transaction, or on the next business day thereafter. Parties holding an option may, by giving the necessary notice or order, require the other party to receive or deliver on the first business day of the option, subject to the same conditions as on any other day covered by the contract.

REMOVAL AND REJECTION OF GOODS ON CONTRACT.

6. Iron and steel sold on contract must be removed by the buyer before 5 p. m. of the day of delivery; if not so removed, all risk and expense must be assumed by buyer.

7. When iron or steel is rejected under final appeal, if tendered on a seller's option, all expenses shall be paid by the seller, and it shall be held that no tender has been made. If under a buyer's option, the seller shall, within 24 hours, tender another lot to the buyer, and pay all damages that the buyer has, in the opinion of the proper special committee, sustained.

8. The foregoing rule shall apply to all iron or steel sold by contract or to arrive. When specific lots are sold to arrive, however, rejections are not required to be replaced. When, under sale for future shipment of iron and steel, specific lots and vessels containing them are then named, sellers are released on such lots as may be rejected on arrival for cause.

NOTICE OF DELIVERY

9. On spot sales of iron and steel the buyer shall be allowed 48 hours, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, in which to make a proper inspection and remove the property. On contracts for future delivery five days' written notice of delivery shall be given, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays. When sales are made to arrive, the seller shall give the name of the vessel or vessels as soon as known to him, and, on arrival, notice to be given buyer in writing. All such notices shall be given by a transferable order between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Payments shall be made on transfer of documents conveying title before 2 p. m. of the day on which delivery is to be made.

PRIVATE ARBITRATION.

10. In case of disputes arising under any contract which are not otherwise provided for under the rules, unless the same shall be submitted to the Arbitration Committee of the exchange or any other provision made for their settlement, it shall be the duty of the parties thereto promptly to agree to the appointment of two arbitrators, and these shall appoint a third. The question in dispute shall be submitted to them, and their decision shall be final and binding. Said arbitrators shall be appointed from the branch of trade out of which the dispute

may have arisen, and shall declare, before considering the question, that they know nothing of its merits from conversation with the principals, or otherwise, and they shall be paid \$2 each for each hearing by the party adjudged by them to be in fault.

INSPECTORS.

11. All inspectors and weighers of iron and steel for delivery on sale or contract, under the rules of the exchange, must be licensed by the Board of Managers, and must obligate themselves not to be interested in any parcel they are licensed to inspect or weigh.

They shall be licensed only upon written application, stating the location of their place of business, which must be within the harbor of New York, or the cities connected therewith. Provided, however, that the certificate of inspection of those furnace companies whose grading may be approved by the Board of Managers of the New York Metal Exchange shall be valid for American pig iron, delivered at shipping port and not stored.

All licenses shall expire annually at such time as the Board of Managers may designate, and they may revoke said licenses at any time for cause.

12. The buyer of any article shall have the right to designate an inspector, but the seller shall have the right to appeal to the Committee on Pig Iron or Old Material, as the case may be, whose decision shall be final and binding.

All appeals from inspectors must be made before the property leaves the place of delivery. Weights and quality of iron and steel must be settled at the place of delivery, unless otherwise agreed upon.

PAYMENTS.

13. On sales of iron and steel, made for cash, seller shall have the right to demand payment at the time of passing title.

MATURITY OF CONTRACTS.

14. When a contract shall mature on Sunday or a legal holiday, delivery on such contract shall be made on the preceding business day. On contracts maturing on any other day upon which the Metal Exchange does not hold a business session, deliveries shall be made on the following business day.

BROKERAGE.

15. The brokerage on merchant bars and nails shall be 2 1/2 per cent., and on all other articles of iron and steel, 1 per cent., and shall be due and payable at the time of passing contracts.

WEIGHING.

16. On all foreign iron and steel, the United States Custom House weights shall be taken to decide quantity, whenever the entire lot shall be delivered as originally entered. On all other lots of iron and steel, any sworn weigher's certificate at point of delivery (whose fees shall be paid by seller) shall be a good tender in proof of weight, but in any case either buyer or seller shall have the right to demand a reweigh by a weigher licensed by the New York Metal Exchange, whose fee shall be paid by the party demanding such reweigh.

DEFAULTS.

17. Sec. 1.—In case iron or steel be not delivered at maturity of contract, the purchaser shall notify in writing the special committee on that kind of iron or steel of the failure to deliver, and the committee shall, at the next call, publicly read such notice, and buy in the property for account of the party directing the purchase, but no unreasonable price shall be paid, arising from manipulated or fictitious markets, or unusual detention in transportation. Any legitimate loss resulting to the buyer shall be paid by the party in default, and the property so bought in shall be a good delivery on defaulted contracts maturing that day.

Sec. 2.—In case iron or steel contracted for delivery be not received and paid for when properly tendered, it shall be the duty of the seller, in order to establish a claim on the purchaser, to sell it on the market at any time during the next 24 hours, at his discretion, after such default shall have been made, notifying the purchaser within one hour after such sale, and any loss resulting to the seller shall be paid by the party in default.

18. When a member buys from or sells to another member, and the names of principals are not given up by the one to the other within 24 hours, those members shall be to each other as merchants or principals in such transactions, with claims on each other only, and liabilities to each other only, and notwithstanding that it shall afterward be shown that such members (either or both) were acting as brokers.

19. All rules as to iron and steel must be justly and liberally construed, and no property shall be rejected or condemned for merely technical reasons.

AMENDMENTS.

20. No change shall be made in these rules by any special committee before submitting the same to a meeting of the trade interested, properly called, at which 10 members shall constitute a quorum.

Rules Regulating Transactions in Tin, Copper, Lead and Spelter Between Members of the New York Metal Exchange.

COMMITTEE ON TIN AND COPPER.

1. At the first meeting of the Board of Managers after their election, the president shall (subject to the approval of the board) appoint as a Committee on Tin and Copper five members of the exchange, to whom shall be reported any question or dispute in regard to the deliveries, quality or weight of tin and copper. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, and a decision of a majority present at any hearing shall be final and binding. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, and a fee of \$15 shall be paid the committee for each reference case heard by them, to be paid by the party adjudged to be in fault, unless otherwise ordered by the committee.

COMMITTEE ON LEAD AND SPELTER.

2. At the first meeting of the Board of Managers after the election, the president shall, subject to the approval of the board, appoint as a Committee on Lead and Spelter three members of the exchange, to whom shall be reported any question or dispute in regard to the deliveries, quality or weight.

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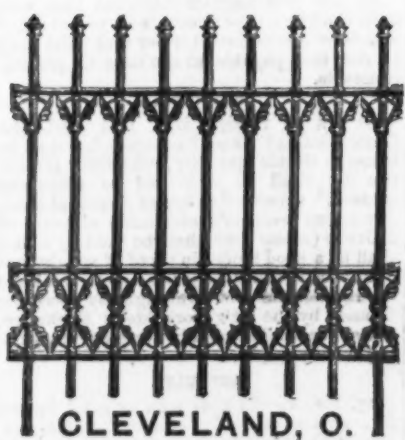
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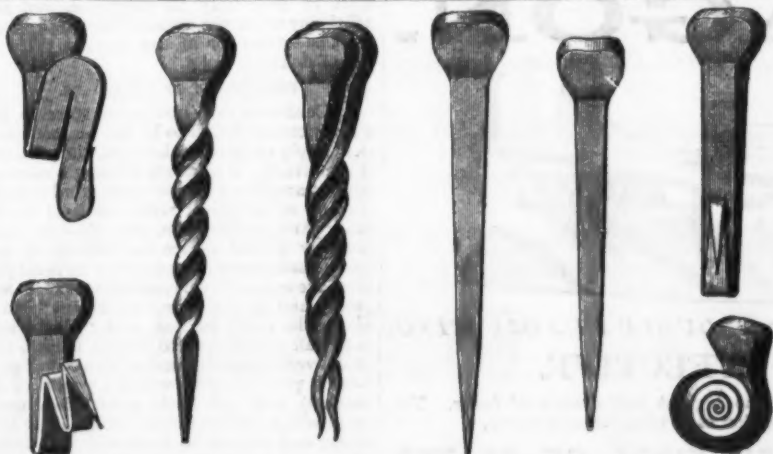
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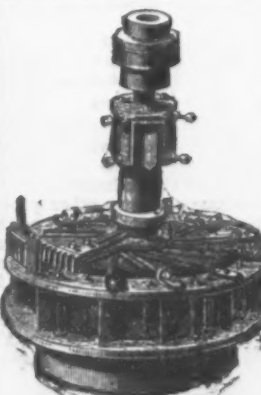
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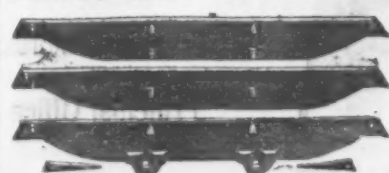
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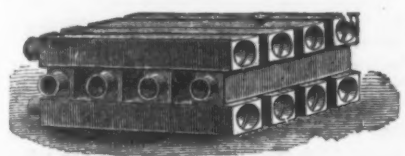
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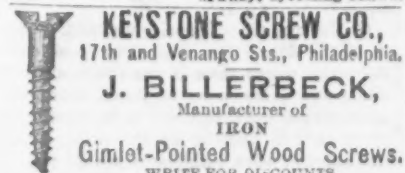
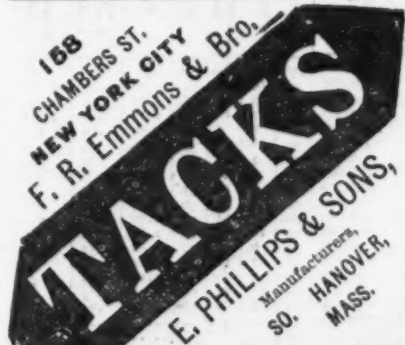
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3. There shall be a call on tin, copper, lead and spelter each day, immediately after the call on iron, to be conducted by the secretary of the exchange, or, in his absence, by a person to be selected by a majority of members present. Spot shall be called first, and then the months in their order. All offers to buy or sell shall be in decimals, and no offer to buy or sell shall be entertained at a less difference than five-hundredths of a cent. per pound, nor for lots of less than 10 tons of 2240 pounds each of tin, of 25,000 pounds of copper, or of 20,000 pounds of lead or spelter.

The first offer to buy or sell at a price shall be accepted before subsequent offers at the same figures may be placed. Subsequent offers to sell at a lower or buy at a higher price shall vacate prior offers to sell at a higher or buy at lower prices. A transaction shall vacate all previous bids and offers. All disputes as to offers, acceptances or withdrawals (whether in time or not) shall be decided on the spot by the person presiding at the time, subject to an appeal to the members present. The appeal must be promptly taken, and a majority of the members present and voting shall settle the disputed point.

The secretary shall, immediately after each call, cause to be posted on the bulletin of the exchange the results of the call, setting forth the bidding and selling prices of the several articles dealt in, and the volume of transactions made.

At the close of the first and last calls each day, the settling prices of tin shall be announced by the person conducting the calls, subject to the appeal to the trade there assembled, and the prices so fixed shall govern all calls for margins. These prices shall also be used for settlement of contracts, and of differences on deliveries under contracts.

4. In offering to buy or sell metals on the exchange the quantities shall be specified.

MARGINS.

5. Either party to a contract, prior to or upon signing the same, shall have the right to call an original margin of \$25 per ton of 2240 pounds of 1 cent per pound of copper, and of \$10 per ton of 2000 pounds of lead and spelter; and either party may call for margins to meet variations in the market.

All margins on contracts shall be deposited in one of such trust companies, banks incorporated by the State, or National banks, as may have been designated for this purpose by the Finance Committee of the New York Metal Exchange.

When margins are called before 12 m. they must be deposited before 3 p. m. the same day; if after 12 m., they must be deposited before 11 a. m. the next day. In case of failure to deposit as above, then the party calling the margin shall notify in writing the party on whom the margins were called of his or their failure to make the required deposit; and if the margins are not then promptly deposited, the party calling the margins shall have the right to cover his or their contract at discretion for account of party failing to respond to the call for margins, and if covered, give notice in writing to that effect to the party in default.

In case of failure of any bank or trust company in which such margins have been deposited, it shall be to the loss of the party or parties to whom it may be found to be due, taking the average price of like deliveries on the day such bank or trust company failed as a basis of settlement.

When margins are called, original or for variations in the market, certified checks must be drawn to the order of the bank or trust company in which they are to be deposited. Checks must be sent to the secretary of the New York Metal Exchange, who shall deposit them and get a certificate of deposit, made payable on the order of the secretary of the New York Metal Exchange, and to the order of the buyer and seller. As soon as the secretary shall have received the certificate, he shall send it to the party making the deposit, and an abstract of the same to the party calling the margin. In settlement, the secretary shall ascertain the amount due each of the parties at interest, and shall indorse the amount due each on the certificate over his own signature, as instructed by both parties.

In case of the absence of the secretary, the president of the New York Metal Exchange or the chairman of the Finance Committee shall act in his stead under this rule.

DELIVERIES AND PAYMENTS.

6. Deliveries shall be made in public warehouse in the port of New York, unless otherwise specified.

Spot tin, copper, lead or spelter shall be delivered before 2 p. m. on the day succeeding the sale.

On contracts for future delivery, five days' written notice shall be given, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays. All such notices for delivery shall be given between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., and shall specify the warehouse where the goods are stored. When no notice is given, the delivery shall be made on the last day stipulated in the contract; or, if the same should be a Sunday or a legal holiday, on the day preceding. The party so delivering shall present to the first receiver a notice for delivery before 11 a. m. of the business day next before that of delivery.

Payments shall be made on transfer of documents conveying title before 2 p. m. of the day on which delivery is to be made.

WEIGHING.

7. All tin shall be weighed in parcels of 5 tons each. The weighing shall be done by weighers licensed by the New York Metal Exchange; or, as long as no such weighers have been licensed, by sworn city weighers. The seller or sellers shall pay for the weighing.

In case the receiver finds the weight to be incorrect, he may so notify the deliverer within five days after delivery, provided the

tin has remained intact in the same warehouse. The deliverer shall then notify his weigher to re-weigh the tin jointly with the weigher of the receiver. In case the two weighers cannot agree, they shall choose a third weigher to decide between them, and abide by his decision. The weigher who will be found to have been wrong shall be liable for all expenses.

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BROKERAGE.

8. The brokerage on tin, copper, lead and spelter shall be one-half of 1 per cent., to be paid by the sellers.

SETTLEMENT OF CONTRACTS.

9. Contracts shall not be transferable, and any difference found to be due on settlement shall apply on account between the parties to the contract. Any party holding a contract against another, corresponding in all respects (except as to price) with one held by the other party against him, may close or cancel both by giving notice in writing to said party, and where it appears that several parties have contracts between each other, corresponding in all respects (except as to price), and that a "ring settlement" can be made, the party finding said "ring" shall notify all parties thereto, giving names, time of delivery, quantity and settlement price (which price must be within 1/4 cent per pound of the market), and get their acknowledgment, from which time the said "ring" shall be in force, and cannot be broken by the failure of any of the parties therein, and all parties thereto shall be compelled to settle their differences on said contract with each other on the basis of the settlement price.

Where settlements of contracts for a specified month are made before maturity of said contracts, the legal rate of interest shall be allowed on the differences paid up to the first day of the maturing month.

All offers to buy or sell openly, for future delivery, on the floor of the exchange, must be open to the member first accepting such offer.

Verbal contracts, when satisfactorily proven, shall have the same standing as written contracts, but the claim under such contracts must be made on the day of the alleged transaction, or on the next business day thereafter.

Parties holding an option may, by giving the necessary notice or order, require the other party to receive or deliver on the first business day of the option, subject to the same conditions as on any other day covered by the contract.

CONSTRUCTION OF RULES.

10. All rules must be justly construed, and no property shall be rejected or condemned for mere technical reasons.

Co-operation.

The history of co-operative trading institutions has not been very encouraging to friends of the system, and it is not improbable that the want of success of these ventures has contributed in some degree to render the conservative public chary of embarking in enterprises bearing that name. The trading institutions referred to, however, were not founded on the true co-operative principle, as commonly understood, being originated merely in order to avoid the payment of what were considered excessive profits to retail tradesmen. Co-operative production, on the other hand, is based on the principle of admitting the workmen to a share in the profits derived from the work produced by them. It is needless to say that this system of co-operation has not as yet been sufficiently tried in England or America to afford data for deductions as to its practicability. Nevertheless, the believers in the system are as confident as ever of its success. A meeting of some friends of co-operative industry was recently held in London, at which the means of promoting co-operative production among the working classes was discussed in a hopeful strain. Lord Carnarvon, who occupied the chair, referred to the success which had attended the trial of the experiment by M. Leclaire, in Paris. What M. Leclaire had done in France, he said, Englishmen should not despair of doing in their own country. He believed that by admitting workmen to a share in the profits of the old antagonism of master and servant—of capital and labor—would be largely done away with, and work would be done quickly and well, instead of slowly and badly, because the credit of the house became a matter of interest to every workman. By this means economy would be introduced instead of waste, and little or no superintendence would be needed, because each man would become a superintendent, and would feel that bad or careless or wasteful work would represent so much taken from himself. Everybody interested in the industrial progress of the race will watch with deep interest the efforts made to bring about the condition of things hinted at in Lord Carnarvon's address.—Broadstreet's.

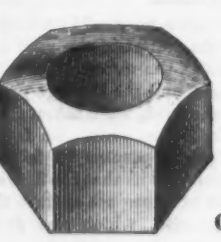
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The Supply of Bessemer Ores.

While European manufacturers are ruminating over the recently-published statements of the limited quantity of iron ore remaining in the once great Spanish, African and Italian deposits, and the possibility that at no distant day the diminishing supply may cause a serious advance in the price of ores suitable for use in the Bessemer converter, the manufacturers of America have cause to congratulate themselves on the increasing supply of these very ores on the Western Continent. For several years our people have been unable to procure a sufficient quantity of American ore from which to produce the Bessemer steel required here, and they were obliged to go to Europe and Africa and draw from the same source with European manufacturers. Agents of the American works visited all parts of this country, going even to very remote sections, but for a long time could find no very considerable undeveloped deposit of Bessemer ore. In order to control their ore supplies, several Western Bessemer steel companies made large purchases of ore properties in the Lake Superior district. For a time it was supposed that Bessemer steel works located in the East were badly situated with regard to competition from Western works on the one hand and foreign works on the other. Now, however, the aspect of affairs seems to be completely and happily changed. It has not been transformed with the aid of the basic process, although that was looked to as a possible means of enabling Eastern works to make steel more cheaply, for only one establishment is now making basic steel (the Pennsylvania Steel Works), and other works do not seem to be in a hurry to adopt the process. But the more hopeful future for the East comes from the recent discoveries of large deposits of good, pure ores within easy reach of the various works.

The nearest of these deposits is that of the Hudson River Iron Ore Co., located within a few miles of the Hudson River, in this State, and recently described very fully in our columns. Another large deposit, though known longer, but at the same time only recently brought prominently before the public, is that of the Chateaugay Ore and Iron Co., also in this State, and not too distant from furnaces making Bessemer pig iron for Eastern steel works. A third great deposit recently discovered is that of the Juragua Iron Co., on the island of Cuba, controlled by the Bethlehem Iron Co. and the Pennsylvania Steel Co., and consisting of immense hills of iron ore of the best quality and the greatest richness, which can be mined easily and shipped to this country cheaply. It is understood that the policy of these companies, including the Juragua Iron Co., will be to sell their ore at reasonable prices, and thus enable Eastern furnaces to make the best quality of pig iron at a cost much below that which they have hitherto been able to reach. It is possible that the effects of these large and cheap supplies of iron ore will not be seen until some time next year, when shipping facilities shall have been provided, but strenuous efforts are being made to get these ores into the market as soon as possible. Another great deposit of pure and rich magnetic iron ore is also understood to be awaiting development, which will furnish an additional supply of ore to Eastern manufacturers. It is located near Digby, Nova Scotia, within two miles of the southwestern coast, near a capacious harbor, and very accessible to vessels from the United States. All these deposits are near water, and thus the cheapest kind of transportation can be made available.

But the East is not alone in its discovery and development of large and accessible deposits of pure and rich iron ore. The West rejoices in the fact that immense fields of ore have been found to exist in Minnesota, only 72 miles from Lake Superior, in the Vermilion Lake district. All the characteristics of the Marquette County ores are repeated in the property of the Minnesota Iron Co., but the indications point to the existence of an even greater body of ore. The analyses which have been made of samples taken from all parts of the deposits show that it is strictly a Bessemer ore. These tremendous accessions to the available supply of iron ore suitable for the manufacture of Bessemer steel in the United States have come most opportunely. The prices of iron and steel now rest on a lower plane than they have occupied for several years, but if cheap raw material can be secured there will be nobody to mourn for the departure of the days of high prices. Every manufacturer is more thoroughly satisfied with moderate profits and a steady demand than with large profits for a short season, to be followed by a period of almost complete inactivity.

The favorable condition of our Bessemer steel works, as regards the supply of the essential raw material, would also seem to determine the problem of the manufacture of basic steel in this country. Unless basic steel is required for special purposes in which a softer metal is needed than ordinary Bessemer steel, it will not be necessary for perhaps many years to erect basic steel works in those sections of the country which are now supplied with Bessemer steel works. The field for basic steel works is apparently the South and Southwest, where phosphoric ores are abundant and Bessemer ores are rare. But even in the South there are localities where Bessemer steel can be made to advantage. The Cranberry ore district of North Carolina is said to contain a much greater quantity of good Bessemer ore than was for

a long time supposed, and it is within easy reach of good coking coal with which to smelt it. And, again, if the Cuban ore can be obtained cheaply, what is to prevent the location of Bessemer steel works in some part of Southern Alabama, where the Pratt coke and Cuban ore can be brought together and Bessemer steel produced for the Southern market? England has been slow to substitute the basic process for the acid process, but the United States, which now have an unbounded supply of ores low in phosphorus to draw from, will very probably be still slower.

An Anti-Tariff Plank Analyzed.

The Ohio representatives of one of the great political parties, in its platform for the gubernatorial canvass now in progress, gives expression to the following opinions respecting the tariff, which have been accepted as foreshadowing the position which this party will take in its declaration of principles for the Presidential canvass in 1884: "We favor a tariff for revenue limited to the necessities of a government economically administered, and so adjusted in its application as to prevent unequal burdens, encourage productive interests at home and afford just compensation to labor, but not to create or foster monopolies." It would be difficult to string words together in a sentence which would really mean less than this. A tariff limited to the necessities of an economically administered government is a tariff for revenue only. So far it is comprehensible. But we fail to see how it is expected to so adjust such a tariff that it shall prevent unequal burdens, encourage domestic industry and afford just compensation to labor. This would seem to mean protection. The declaration that such a tariff should not create or foster monopolies is still more confusing. A revenue tariff, by discouraging domestic production and encouraging foreign trade to the fullest extent, inevitably tends to create and protect monopolies in the hands of foreign manufacturers. Under a protective tariff no one has any greater advantage in manufacturing than the possession of patents or the control of large capital and resources, properly acquired, account for. The field of manufacturing is open to any one who may engage in it, and, as the result, we see sharp and constant domestic competition, with resulting low prices and abundant supplies. It requires no further analysis to show that in this plank we have words skillfully used to conceal ideas. Let us have the ideas. As we interpret the language, it means substantially this: We favor a revenue tariff which shall be so arranged as to yield only so much revenue as the Government needs. A tariff for protection is an unequal burden in the shape of a tax levied on the consumer for the benefit of the manufacturer. We should be glad to see manufacturing prosper on a free-trade basis and labor earn good wages, but, as manufacturers established under a protective tariff are monopolies, we are not willing to see the rates of duty high enough to afford any encouragement to those who may wish to invest their capital in manufacturing facilities. If they will do it without such encouragement, we have no objection.

We do not suppose that the Ohio Committee on Resolutions would have considered this paraphrase of their plank an acceptable substitute for the one drafted by them, but the two seem to mean the same thing; and ours has the advantage of stating the proposition so plainly that the average voter can understand it, while that of the platform does not.

Utilization of Coal Slack.

The question of profitably utilizing slack has of late come prominently to the front, and many and varied have been the methods proposed to effect the desired end. Going back for only a few years, we find that experiments have been made at different times with the object of establishing a basis for comparison between the commercial efficiencies of lump and dust coal, and though the results obtained were, as a rule, not such as to lend encouragement to the promoters of dust-coal schemes, later developments have imparted a more cheerful aspect to the question. The failure of dust coal to satisfy the imposed conditions was, however, due to a circumstance not dependent upon its calorific value, but one referred to below. In considering the matter, it should be remembered that the slack, or coal dust, may be used as a fuel in two different shapes—either in its natural condition or dust form, or in a compressed state, in which form it has of late been placed upon the market, under the name of artificial fuel. The experiments made in past years, and incidentally mentioned above, were perhaps scarcely calculated to demonstrate the success which might be attained in this direction. In fact, they were made with an entirely different end in view. When coal is burned in large lumps, a considerable amount of energy is expended in breaking it up into small pieces, and, in addition to this, there is some difficulty in the way of a ready combination of the carbon and oxygen, the interior portions of the coal being almost inaccessible to the air required for combustion. A little consideration will show that this difficulty is entirely avoided by the use of dust coal, the latter being blown into the furnace, together

with the requisite air supply, a continuous process of firing being, moreover, readily maintained. This latter, it will be acknowledged, is an important item.

The system as here described, however, when applied to the raising of steam in a boiler, proved unsuccessful, and experiments which were made some seven or eight years ago by the United States Government with a different system yielded practically similar results. It is true the evaporative power of the dust fuel exceeded that of the lump coal by about one pound of water per pound of fuel, and, considered from this point of view alone, the experiments would have shown a gratifying success. It should be remembered, however, that the trials were made, not with the view of solving the question of how to dispose of our coal-dust accumulations in the mining regions, but simply whether it would not be more economical to use the coal in a dust than in a lump form. The lump coal was therefore first ground to a powder, and the expense of this operation raised the cost of the fuel somewhat above the price of the ordinary coal, and so far the scheme was a failure. But there is every reason to expect that with ordinary slack, such as is annually produced in large quantities, the method would prove successful. The same may perhaps be said of a number of other appliances or systems which have been brought out from time to time, and which in some cases have given very satisfactory results.

Of late, other processes—those by means of which the ordinary slack is pressed into suitable shapes, forming what is known as artificial fuel—claim public attention, and these, judging from comparatively recent developments, have given the most flattering results. In support of this we would direct attention to trials which were made some time since with such fuels, especially with that manufactured by Mr. E. F. Loiseau, of Philadelphia. Another process, that of W. H. Cory, promises equally successful results, thus opening a large field for operation in this line of industry. Without going into the details of manufacture, we may state that the methods proposed consist in mixing with the slack a certain proportion of suitable binding ingredients, and then pressing it into required shapes between rolls. The resulting fuel, for which an efficiency above that of ordinary coal is claimed, though still far from being extensively used, appears to have bright prospects ahead, and its more general application is only a question of time.

So far as the actual cost of producing this artificial fuel is concerned, the following table, prepared by Mr. Cory, will be found interesting and suggestive of the future in store for the fuel turned out by him:

State or Territory.	Number of mines.	Output of coal for census year 1880.	Average value of coal, per ton, at mine.	Average profit, per ton, on coal mined.	Estimated output of slack coal for census year 1880.	Cost of making into fuel.	Value of extra weight given to fuel by chemicals.	Value of extra 7 per cent. in lasting power over coal.	Net cost of fuel, per ton.	Profit, per ton, on fuel.	Excess of profit in favor of fuel as compared with coal mining.	Estimated profit on the slack output for 1880 if converted into fuel.
Pennsylvania—Anthracite.....	273	27,433,320	2.00	.51	9,382,056	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	16,700,113
Bituminous.....	562	18,004,988	1.01	.17	3,600,997	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	2,468,626
Illinois.....	69	6,069,514	1.44	.23	1,213,922	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	2,351,871
Ohio.....	618	5,032,553	1.20	.10	1,006,570	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	750,404
Maryland.....	38	2,217,044	1.10	.35	443,376	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	356,456
West Virginia.....	129	1,724,572	1.10	.20	344,814	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	292,278
Indiana.....	210	1,449,496	1.48	.25	289,899	1.48	1.48	1.48	1.48	1.48	1.48	333,383
Iowa.....	217	1,442,333	1.73	.23	288,466	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.73	401,529
Kentucky.....	65	953,857	1.80	.23	190,770	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	160,246
Kansas.....	189	753,097	1.06	.91	150,659	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	230,320
Missouri.....	144	345,994	1.01	.53	69,198	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	170,150
Tennessee.....	28	404,491	1.27	.24	80,898	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	79,107
Alabama.....	19	322,934	1.47	.14	64,586	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.47	74,628
Georgia.....	2	154,644	1.50	.70	30,928	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	36,185
Michigan.....	6	300,829	2.23	.60	60,165	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	40,120
Virginia.....	4	40,520	1.89	.21	8,104	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	6,827
Wyoming Territory.....	6	50,596	.....	.....	10,119	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	25	462,747	.....	.....	92,549	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California.....	6	236,650	.....	.....	47,330	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington Territory.....	5	145,015	.....	.....	29,003	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon.....	1	43,295	.....	.....	8,659	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	14	14,778	2.27	.78	2,955	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27	5,098
North Carolina.....	1	850	1.14	.43	170	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	185
Rhode Island.....	1	224	.....	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska.....	1	6,175	.....	.....	1,235	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montana.....	1	300	3.75	2.80	60	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	152
Utah.....	6	375,000	.....	.....	75,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas.....	1	No return.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No return.
Total.....	.....	69,511,500	.....	.....	17,449,746	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23,218,100

Referring to this table, we would state that the figures giving the output of the coal for the census year 1880, the average value of coal per ton at mines, and the average profit per ton on the coal mined, were taken from the census bulletin of that year. So far as the estimated output of slack coal is concerned, Mr. Cory informs us that the figures, with the exception of those set against the Pennsylvania anthracite, which are from the coal census bulletin, were calculated at the rate of 20 per cent. on the coal return, the amount of slack made in mining bituminous coal being reckoned by authorities as ranging from 10 to 40 per cent. Referring to the ninth column of the table, Mr. Cory states that as the fuel will perform at least 7 per cent. more work than the large coal of the same description, it must be 7 per cent. more valuable, and hence this value is deducted from the cost of production. Taken all together, the table presents matters of considerable interest, showing that the subject of utilizing slack is worthy of more extended attention than it has thus far received, and future developments in this particular line are looked forward to with interest.

The New York Pilot Commissioners, at the recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce, have rescinded their resolution which prohibited the employment of steam propulsion in the pilot service. When, some two

years ago, several steamship owners or agents entered into a private agreement with the pilots who owned boat No. 10 to substitute the tugboat Hercules for the sailing vessel before employed, the Commissioners refused to concede the right. They urged that the movement was ill-advised; that the effect of introducing steam would be to impair the efficiency of the service, besides being unjust to the men who had invested all their resources in the vessels which they navigated, and whose experience had been acquired through long years of hardship. On the question of compulsory pilotage, which is also a ground of dissatisfaction among the mercantile classes, they were prepared to compromise by accepting smaller fees. Up to the present moment, however, the pilot-boat fleet remains as before; precisely as when ocean steamers were unknown to the port. If, as alleged, a small number of quick-moving steamers would prove more efficient than the numerous boats now employed, the fact is susceptible of demonstration, and the change so long and so persistently urged is inevitable. As well might the grain shovellers fight the steam elevators or the slow-coach proprietors resist the advent of railroads. The request of the Chamber of Commerce is that the Pilot Commissioners shall "without delay" authorize and encourage the introduction of steam pilot-boats. According to a decision of the Supreme Court, the Commissioners may withhold their approval as a condition precedent, but we may question the wisdom of provoking an appeal to Congress, with the possible result of the whole business being assumed by the General Government. In that case, New York would lose control of her own commerce, and politics would have more influence than skill in the pilot service.

The Outlook for Tin.

The remarkable steadiness in price which tin has maintained in the European markets for months past, in the face of unusually large shipments, both from the Straits and Australia, has been a puzzle to the metal trade. One of the London firms wrote, under date of June 7: "The tendency of the market lately has, on the whole, been weak. There is an absence of any strong demand in America; dealers there seem contented for the present to work with minimum stocks. The figures of available supply on May 31 are without material change from those at the end of the preceding month. The shipments from Australia turned out unusually heavy, and the Straits shipments since January 1 to end of May are large. But if we extend the time of comparison to a

SHIPMENTS—YEAR ENDING MAY 31.	Straits.	Australia.	Totals.
1883.....	13,500	10,700	24,200
1882.....	15,000	10,100	25,100
1881.....	11,000	9,400	20,400

FIVE MONTHS—JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 1.	Straits and Australia.	Deliveries in England and Holland.	Totals.
1883.....	23,100	1883	9,140
1882.....	8,500	1882	9,219
1881.....	7,200	1881	9,095
1880.....	7,700	1880	8,753
	1879		8,318

The above statistics show that, while the deliveries have barely held their own, the shipments have so far this year been 30 per cent. larger.

On turning our attention to the visible supply in England, Holland and the United States on June 1, and the price of Straits in London on that date, we find:

	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.
Tons.	10,417	10,045	10,079	10,775
\$25. 10/	\$27. 10/	\$27. 15/	\$27. 15/	\$27. 15/

On June 1, 1879, the price was £66. 5/., and in 1878, £63. The statistical position is therefore worse than it was two years ago, while the price was, in June, this year, about 10 per cent. higher. It is speculation alone that is keeping up the price, and if this support were withdrawn we do not see why, in the present condition of the markets on both sides of the Atlantic, the price should

not decline. It will be curious to watch how long, under existing circumstances, the figures can be upheld where they are. At any rate, the visible supply on this side is sufficiently large for four or five months' requirements.

IMPORT OF TIN INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF FISCAL YEAR.

	1887.	1888.
Import.....	307,786	257,365
Less re-export.....	893	22,233
Net import.....	307,883	135,132
Equal to tons.....	10,394	4,756

While our consumption at the high price ruling has been steadily on the decrease, we have during the ten months imported 54 per cent. more tin than during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. An unhealthy state of affairs in an imported article whose uses greatly depend on the price, it would be difficult to find. From whatever side we study the actual position of tin we can hardly find a redeeming feature, except, perhaps, that money is easy; but even this is in a great measure the result of extreme dullness in trade.

It is worthy of mention here that the production of tin on the island of Billiton in Netherlands India, which of late years had been falling off, and declined from 93,469 piculs in 1879 to 66,331 in 1881, is increasing, the island turning out last year 70,081 piculs of 134 pounds, or 4190 tons of 2240 pounds. The fact is that in all Eastern tin-producing countries there prevails the greatest activity, no doubt chiefly due to the high price the metal is maintaining.

Newspaper Reports.

Mr James I. Bennett of Pittsburgh, is reported by a local newspaper to have expressed himself as follows in an interview with its representative:

"We have not asked for an extension from our creditors, nor do we propose to. I am at a loss to understand why the newspapers give currency to such rumors in regard to this house, unless they want to assist in breaking up every iron house in the city. If it hadn't been for the newspaper reports, which were started by a lot of d-d scoundrels who speculate in oil, in regard to the affairs of the Grafton Iron Co., we would have experienced no difficulty in arranging the affairs of that company. I tell you what it is," continued Mr. Bennett, excitedly, as he mopped the perspiration from his brow, "if newspaper editors and reporters persist in picking up every idle rumor affecting the private affairs of business men and others, they may look for just the same reception as Dukes received at the hands of Nutt. Do they stop to consider what the effect is of publishing mere rumors? What interest has the public in our business, those who read newspaper accounts of our private affairs—people whom we don't even know when we meet them on the street? This is a matter that involves the bread and butter of 15,000 people. We don't know where these rumors originate, but we know what their effects are, and the newspapers ought to be spreading them broadcast."

We have no doubt that Mr. Bennett felt very strongly on the subject concerning which he spoke, and that what he most desired was that the newspapers would refrain from making any mention of the affairs of Graft, Bennett & Co. But to close its eyes to matters of news and affect an ignorance of matters which were the subject of current rumor, is no part of the business of a newspaper. The affairs of a great iron concern are matters of public interest in the largest sense. The wisest and most business-like course which Mr. Bennett could have taken in this matter would have been to have told the truth, so far as the public were interested in knowing it. When newspaper reporters are denied information which they seek at headquarters, they are much less to blame than they might otherwise be for giving credence to current rumors and plausible statements made without the sanction of authority. We do not mean by this that a merchant or manufacturer in financial embarrassment is under obligations to open his ledger for the inspection of every newspaper reporter who may wish to see it, but self-interest should prompt him to answer every proper question truthfully. Scolding at the newspapers only makes matters worse, and confirms the popular belief that the rumors are well founded. It is in this, as in everything else—the man who loses his temper loses his case. The business of a newspaper is to print news, and if this fact is recognized, it will not require a very violent exercise of the reasoning powers to bring one to the conclusion that, as there is no such thing as concealment possible, it is a great deal wiser to aid the newspaper makers in presenting the truth than to force them to trust to rumors and statements that may exaggerate or distort the facts, or that may really have no foundation whatever.

Referring to the influx of population, the appended figures, giving the immigration at all the ports and districts in the United States for the month of May, and also the relative totals for each month since January 1, may prove of interest:

	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
January.....	19,000	13,334	15,450	12,940
February.....	14,000	15,075	20,247	17,055
March.....	40,513	44,125	45,234	38,779
April.....	45,821	95,392	104,274	78,475
May.....	35,250	137,482	141,035	90,601
Five months.....	168,584	385,906	357,979	248,811

Comparing the returns for the present year with those of 1882 and 1881, we find a marked falling off, especially from the figures of 1882, the decrease amounting to almost 33 per cent. Further particulars now at hand show that of the total number which arrived in May, somewhat over 68,000 came to this city, the remainder going to Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore. As to nation-

ality, we find Germany, as usual, to be most largely represented, with a total of 29,787, the smallest proportion, so far as available statistics go, being furnished by Poland, the immigrants from that source numbering 183.

Pauper immigration is very properly receiving the attention of the Government at Washington. If it shall appear that the impoverished and otherwise helpless subjects of any other Government are being landed on our shores, only to become a burden on the community, it will become the duty of the Executive and State authorities to protest against the violation of any of the obligations of national friendship. The industrial classes of this country are not called upon to compete with pauper labor on their own ground. A summary way of dealing with "assisted emigrants" is to assist them home again.

On the opening of the second days' session of the Mechanical Engineers' the president appointed William P. Trowbridge, Coleman Sellers, John E. Sweet, C. J. H. Woodbury and J. C. Bayles as a committee on the revision of the rules. It was rather a remarkable feature of the meeting that no motion was made from beginning to end having any bearing on a revision of the rules or a change in the organization of the society. The committee for the nomination of officers for the coming year are Washington Jones, John C. Hoadley, H. R. Towne, S. P. Wellman and Irwin M. Scott.

The railroad companies on the 22d inst. made an important reduction in the rates for transporting rails and pig iron westward by the trunk lines. The articles mentioned and several others of the coarser kinds of merchandise are transferred from the fourth class to a special or fifth class, on which the rate is fixed at 25 cents per 100 pounds, instead of 35 cents, as heretofore. Doubtless this step is taken in competition with the canal, which has been taking a large share of the business under the no-toll arrangement.

We give elsewhere in these columns the new rules adopted for the government of the Metal Exchange. The novel feature of regular calls of metals, in conjunction with a system of trading in options and in margins, went into effect on Monday and was pronounced a success. There was a goodly attendance of members and considerable animation on the floor.

It costs \$3,000,000 per annum in wages alone at the United States navy yards to repair six men-of-war. It is not surprising that Secretary Chandler has resolved to cut down expenses.

Conference of Iron Manufacturers.

In response to recent circulars, a meeting of manufacturers of bars, plates, &c., was held at the rooms of the American Iron and Steel Association, Philadelphia, on Thursday, June 21, 1888. Oliver Williams was chosen president and Wm. E. S. Baker secretary of the meeting. Upon reading the call for the meeting, 20 mills responded.

The secretary submitted a table showing the duty imposed by the old tariff and the new upon every size on the Eastern schedule, including the following:

Rounds and squares, $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 inch, no reduction.
Flats, 1 to 6 inches, from $\frac{3}{8}$ to 2 inch, $\frac{1}{10}$ reduction.
Small rounds, $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ inch, $\frac{1}{10}$ reduction.
Rounds and squares over 2 inches, $\frac{1}{10}$ reduction.
Small squares, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch, $\frac{1}{10}$ reduction.
Flats less than 1 inch wide, $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, $\frac{1}{10}$ reduction.
Flats above 6 inches wide, $\frac{1}{10}$ reduction.
Bands and hoops, about $\frac{1}{10}$ reduction.
Ovals and half-ovals, $\frac{1}{10}$ reduction.

After discussing the subject of a new schedule of extras, and in view of the fact that the extremely low prices of iron at home and high prices abroad would prevent importation at present, on motion it was

Resolved, That we reaffirm the Eastern schedule as adopted October 16, 1879, except as to flats wider than 6 inches, and as to bands and hoops.

Resolved, That the extras on flats larger than 6 inches be left to the discretion of the individual mill-owners.

Resolved, That the extras on bands and hoops be referred to a special committee for revision, who are to report at a future meeting. The committee consisted of Messrs. Nevegold, Cooley and Williams.

Resolved, That we recommend a strict adherence to the Eastern schedule, and recommend that course to the Eastern mill-owners as their only safety from loss in times of depression.

It was here reported that severe cutting in the extras had been resorted to, chiefly by the seaboard mills, and that it resulted from want of an organization where the members could confer and consult with each other. On motion, it was

Resolved, That we recommend the calling of a meeting to revise the Eastern Iron Association, without salaried officers, for purposes of consultation upon various matters affecting the interests of the business.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at call of the same Executive Committee, who are hereby continued, to consider the subjects holding over from this conference.

With thanks to the American Iron and Steel Association for the use of their office, and special thanks to the courteous and indefatigable secretaries, whose untiring industry and efforts in behalf of the iron and steel interests of America are apparent, but

Eastern Iron Manufacturers' Schedule of Extras.

The following table gives the Eastern iron manufacturers' minimum extra prices above the base bar price, with the duty under the old and new tariff for the various sizes:

	Old tariff.	New tariff.		Old tariff.	New tariff.
ROUND IRON, EXTRA.					
$\frac{3}{8}$ and 11-16 inch.....	1-10¢	2-24¢	8	"	"
$\frac{1}{2}$ and 9-16 ".....	2-10¢	4-48¢	8 1/2	"	"
7-16 ".....	4-10¢	8-96¢	9	"	"
$\frac{3}{4}$ ".....	5-10¢	11-20¢	10	"	"
5-16 ".....	6-10¢	13-44¢	10 1/2	"	"
$\frac{1}{2}$ and 9-32 ".....	7-10¢	15-68¢	11	"	"
2 1/2 inches to 2 3/4 inches.....	1-10¢	2-24¢	11 1/2	"	"
3 ".....	3-10¢	6-72¢	12	"	"
3 1/2 ".....	4-10¢	8-96¢	12 1/2	"	"
4 ".....	5-10¢	11-20¢	1 to 12 inches wide x 1/2 and 5-16 thick,		
4 1/2 ".....	6-10¢	13-44¢	2-10 extra above 3/8 thick, \$4.48.		
5 ".....	7-10¢	15-68¢	BAND AND HOOP IRON, EXTRA.		
5 1/2 ".....	8-10¢	17-92¢	1 to 6 inches, Nos. 6 to 10.....	4-10¢	8-96¢
6 ".....	9-10¢	20-16¢	1 to 6 " Nos. 11 to 12.....	6-10¢	13-44¢
6 1/2 ".....	10-10¢	22-40¢	1 to 6 " Nos. 13 to 16.....	8-10¢	17-92¢
7 ".....	11-10¢	24-64¢	1 to 6 " Nos. 17 to 20.....	9-10¢	20-16¢
7 1/2 ".....	12-10¢	26-88¢	7/8 inch, Nos. 8 to 10.....	7-10¢	15-68¢
8 ".....	13-10¢	29-12¢	7/8 " Nos. 11 to 12.....	9-10¢	20-16¢
8 1/2 ".....	14-10¢	31-36¢	7/8 " Nos. 13 to 16.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
9 ".....	15-10¢	33-60¢	7/8 " Nos. 17 to 20.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
9 1/2 ".....	16-10¢	35-84¢	7/8 " Nos. 8 to 10.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
10 ".....	17-10¢	38-08¢	7/8 " Nos. 11 to 12.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
10 1/2 ".....	18-10¢	40-32¢	7/8 " Nos. 13 to 16.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
11 ".....	19-10¢	42-56¢	7/8 " Nos. 17 to 20.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
11 1/2 ".....	20-10¢	44-80¢	7/8 " Nos. 8 to 10.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
12 ".....	21-10¢	47-04¢	7/8 " Nos. 11 to 12.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
12 1/2 ".....	22-10¢	49-28¢	7/8 " Nos. 13 to 16.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
13 ".....	23-10¢	51-52¢	7/8 " Nos. 17 to 20.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
13 1/2 ".....	24-10¢	53-76¢	7/8 " Nos. 8 to 10.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
14 ".....	25-10¢	56-00¢	7/8 " Nos. 11 to 12.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
14 1/2 ".....	26-10¢	58-24¢	7/8 " Nos. 13 to 16.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
15 ".....	27-10¢	60-48¢	7/8 " Nos. 17 to 20.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
15 1/2 ".....	28-10¢	62-72¢	7/8 " Nos. 8 to 10.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
16 ".....	29-10¢	64-96¢	7/8 " Nos. 11 to 12.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
16 1/2 ".....	30-10¢	67-20¢	7/8 " Nos. 13 to 16.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
17 ".....	31-10¢	69-44¢	7/8 " Nos. 17 to 20.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
17 1/2 ".....	32-10¢	71-68¢	7/8 " Nos. 8 to 10.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
18 ".....	33-10¢	73-92¢	7/8 " Nos. 11 to 12.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
18 1/2 ".....	34-10¢	76-16¢	7/8 " Nos. 13 to 16.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
19 ".....	35-10¢	78-40¢	7/8 " Nos. 17 to 20.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
19 1/2 ".....	36-10¢	80-64¢	7/8 " Nos. 8 to 10.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
20 ".....	37-10¢	82-88¢	7/8 " Nos. 11 to 12.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
20 1/2 ".....	38-10¢	85-12¢	7/8 " Nos. 13 to 16.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
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24 ".....	45-10¢	100-80¢	7/8 " Nos. 11 to 12.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
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26 ".....	49-10¢	109-76¢	7/8 " Nos. 11 to 12.....	1-10¢	2-24¢
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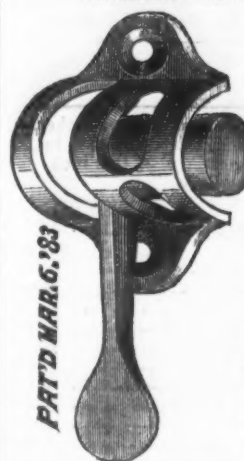
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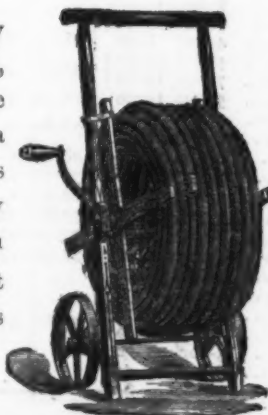
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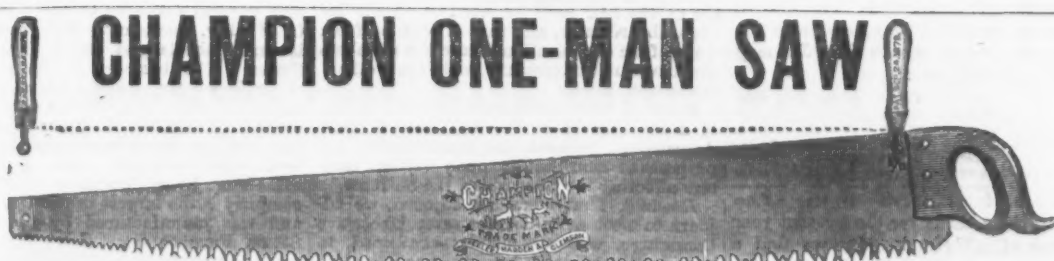
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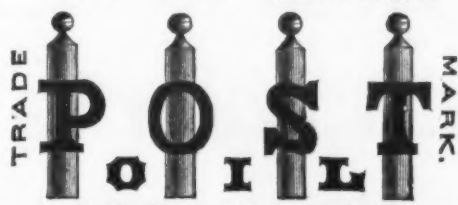
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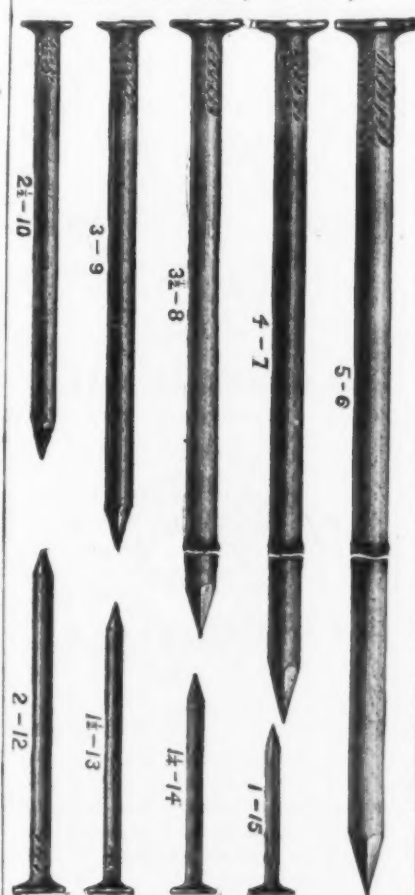
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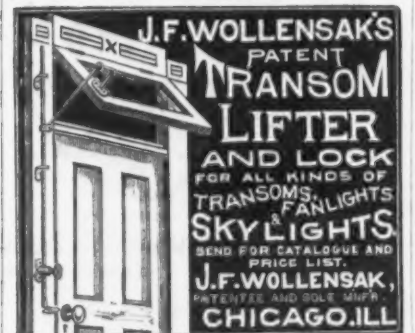


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reinforced by iron. The discussion which followed the presentation of this paper at the Cleveland meeting brought out some facts that are of interest to our readers at large. Mr. Ward's paper gave details of the method which he has employed in constructing his own house from iron and beton. This building has achieved a very considerable reputation. Essentially it consists of a house of beton, with a sufficient amount of iron for the tie-bars, I floor beams, &c., to prevent checking in the cement when hardening, and to afford increased strength in certain portions. One very valuable feature was brought out—that a beam formed by a combination of cement and iron was considerably stronger than the iron alone, the form being so designed as to subject the iron to a tensile and the cement to a compressive strain. Both walls and floors were supplied with flues through which the hot air for heating was conducted and the water pipes lead from various parts of the building. As might be expected, the house is thoroughly fire-proof throughout. The warming, on account of its thoroughness, is rather greater than though an ordinary furnace had been used, but probably for the amount of heating done quite as economical. This form of construction offered unusual facilities for the formation of water tanks, which were arranged on a rather unusual principle. The rain-water tank especially was supplied by an inverted syphon, which was tapped at various points for the household supply, a system which presents some advantages in preventing a stagnation of water in the supply pipe. Sections were given showing the method of construction, and also a photograph of the house, which, though simple in its architectural details, is very striking. Mr. Ward applied this method of construction, in regard to which ample details were given, to a variety of purposes, and among others a foundation for a straight-line engine. In discussing this question reference was made to a fire-proof building just completed in Philadelphia, where, by covering the exposed surfaces of wood with wire lath, and plastering upon this, protection against fire had been effected without any very considerable expense.

In reply to a question Mr. Woodbury said that he had never known a plank floor in which an inch or so layer of mortar was included, to burn through, even though an extremely hot fire was raging above it. One case was cited where the whole roof of a building burned off with so fierce a heat as to endanger surrounding property, and yet the fire did not penetrate the floor beneath, which was constructed in this way. If the fire should take place beneath, it would undoubtedly destroy the columns, if of iron, long before the floor could be penetrated, while columns of wood would stand many hours' exposure to an intense heat before yielding. The president stated that the Zoological Museum at Cambridge was constructed with wooden beams protected by a fine cover of mortar attached to a wire lath. At this point Mr. Root said: "Mr. Ward being a neighbor of mine, I have been somewhat familiar with that house during the whole time of its construction. After it was completed he erected a large flag-staff right in the center of the tower. This staff was supported by iron braces to hold it in place. There came up a very severe thunder storm, and the lightning struck this staff and shivered it into ten thousand pieces. The splinters fell all over the grounds, all around the house. A short time after that, hearing that the staff had been struck, in company with Mr. Ward, I went up to the top of the tower to see what damage had been done. We found two or three little splinters of cement, perhaps twice as big as your thumb nail, disturbed, where the electricity had passed down into the cement along the rods or braces that supported the flag-staff, but otherwise we could not find any damage done except to the flag-staff. So I told Mr. Ward that he had not only got a fire-proof house, but he had got a lightning-proof house. I thought that was a pretty good test of it."

The Mortality Statistics of the War.

The latest of the "Campaigns of the Civil War," published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, is the "Statistical Record of the Armies of the United States," by Captain Charles Pensterer, and is an especially valuable work. It contains a very careful and accurate summary of all the statistical and chronological facts pertaining to the War of the Rebellion. What is of special interest is a statement of the absolute cost of life of the struggle to maintain the Union. Under this head the following table and accompanying remarks are presented:

	Regu. Iars.	White Vol's.	Col. Ir's.	Total.
Killed in battle.....	1,455	41,369	1,514	44,338
Died of wounds and injuries.....	1,274	46,271	1,766	49,311
Suicide, homicide, execution.....	37	442	52	531
Died of disease.....	3,004	153,925	29,212	156,941
Unknown causes.....	159	23,188	837	24,184
Total.....	5,729	265,265	33,380	304,354

The Adjutant-General reports that 26,168 men are known to have died while prisoners of war in the hands of the enemy. The latest report from the War Department on record makes the total loss by death 303,504; but the foregoing summary makes it 304,369—the difference arising from the fact that the Surgeon-General reports over 900 more regulars died during the war than the Adjutant-General. There were 280,040 wounded in battle, and 184,791 missing or captured. Taking the whole number of men furnished by the States and Territories during the war, it would appear that out of every 65 one was killed in action; out of every 56 one died of wounds; out of every 13 one died of disease; out of every 9 one died while in the service; out of every 10 one was wounded in action. (A great number of men only enlisted for a short service, and then served no more; but there were several hundred thousands who re-enlisted, and, as their names appear twice or oftener on the rolls, the ratio of deaths and casualties to the whole number of men should be greater than the above table would indicate.) And as a great many of the men never came near the front, or were subjected to the risks of battle, the proportion of casualties to those who

were actually in the field was, of course, much greater.

It is assumed that 662 of every 1,000 were at the front and took part in the operations. Of these one in every 42.7 was killed in battle; one in every 38.1 died of wounds; one in every 9.2 men at the front, one lost his life from some cause or other. One man in every seven who was captured died, but this gives a misleading idea of the proportion of deaths, since nearly all the prisoners captured on both sides prior to July 1, 1863, were paroled immediately—generally on the field of battle. Of those taken subsequent to July 1, 1863, and held in confinement, at least two out of three died. Of every four men who so much as set foot in Andersonville one died before getting out, and taking the deaths after being removed to other prisons, and after being released, it is pretty certain that in all four out of five died from the effects of imprisonment.

Quicksilver Trade.—The delivery of quicksilver at San Francisco for May amounted to 2657 flasks, of which 1205 flasks came from the New Almaden Mine. The exports for May were 1392 flasks, valued at \$37,115. The market was weak throughout the month, especially during the last half, when sales were made down as low as \$26.75 per flask, or a fraction less than 35 cent per pound. The deliveries for the first four months of the year are reported by the *Commercial News* at 21,171 flasks, against 13,000 flasks for the same time last year and 23,100 flasks in 1881. The exports from San Francisco by water for the five months ending May 31 were as follows:

	Flasks.	Value.
New York.....	200	\$5,000
Hong Kong.....	9,545	\$255,822
Japan.....	490	\$13,230
New Zealand.....	50	\$1,345
Central America.....	36	\$96
Mexico.....	5,059	\$138,000
British Columbia.....	2	\$4
Totals.....	15,362	\$415,519
In 1882.....	14,717	\$409,391

The total for the same time in 1881 was 17,832 flasks. In addition to the above shipments by water this year, it is known that 1440 flasks were shipped overland in the first four months of the year.

Massachusetts Industries.—The fourteenth annual report of the Massachusetts Labor Bureau contains the digest reports of 2240 manufacturing establishments out of 11,859 in the State; but those reported employ 207,793 persons out of 289,310. They represent also \$162,000,000 in capital out of \$304,000,000 for the State, besides 38 per cent. of all the wages paid, 57 per cent. of the stock used in raw material consumed, and 57 per cent. of the food product. The establishments reported are: 460 shoe factories, 270 metal works, 240 building establishments, 160 leather factories, 160 clothing factories, 150 cotton mills, 150 wool mills, 150 machine shops, 100 publishing houses, 90 carriage makers, and other kinds of factories less than 90 each. These factories paid wages ranging from 80 cents to \$6 a day for skilled labor, and from 35 cents to \$3 a day for common labor. Out of 2240 establishments, 567 paid \$2 for skilled labor, 605 paid \$2.50, 205 paid \$3, 15 paid \$4, and 317 did not report. Common labor had \$1 a day in 471 factories, \$1.25 in 391, \$1.50 in 542, \$1.75 in 118, \$2 in 110, \$3 in 1. Out of 2240 factories, 1960 had ten hours' labor a day, 186 had nine hours, 26 had eight hours, 27 had eleven hours, and 24 had twelve hours.

A New Steamship Company.—The certificate of incorporation of the New York and Baltimore Steamship Co. was recently filed in the office of the County Clerk. The objects of the company are to build, charter, navigate and own steam vessels to be used on all waters navigable by ocean steamers, and for the transportation of passengers, freight and mails, but more particularly to navigate a line of steamers between New York and Baltimore, Md. The capital stock of the company is \$500,000, divided into 500 shares of \$1000 each. Ten per cent. of the capital stock has been paid in cash. The term of existence of the company is 20 years. The incorporators are Horace K. Thurber, George H. Glover, Wesley A. Tucker, Frederick Haberman, William K. Hinman, Isaac H. Dixon, Edward Smith, John G. Kraft and Henry McShane.

When the "storage battery" was so far improved as to win indorsement from Sir William Thompson, it was thought that by its aid the electric lamp would be rapidly introduced into dwellings; but the storage batteries can hardly be said to answer satisfactorily the expectations formed of them. Some experts claim that they have demonstrated by experiment that the storage battery as now constructed is too costly for practical use. The late discovery of this fact is because the cost of the battery is greatly increased by the serious deterioration it undergoes. If it were permanent, as it was at first supposed to be, it is not too costly; but if it depreciates at the rate of at least 30 per cent per annum, as is alleged, it is not commercially useful, except for limited kinds of work. On the other hand, it may be said that there is still hope of finding means to make the storage battery permanent and cheap enough for practical use. Sir William Thompson, out of several hundred batteries, has found one or two that unaccountably last without depreciation, while the others fail. It is the "unaccountable" in the successful batteries that remains to be discovered and applied to all. If one will work, all can be made to work, though it may require considerable research to find the conditions essential to success.

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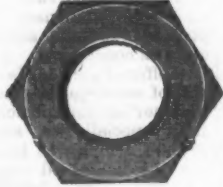
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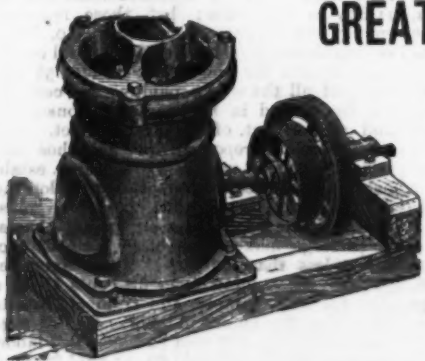
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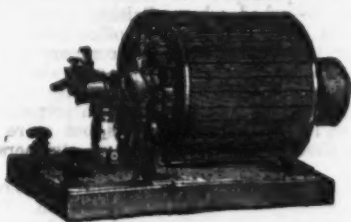
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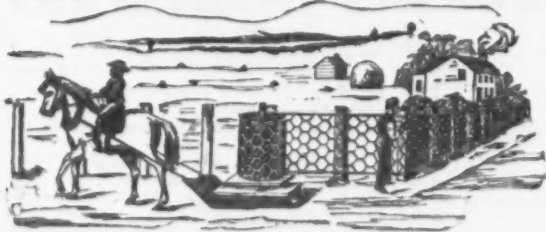
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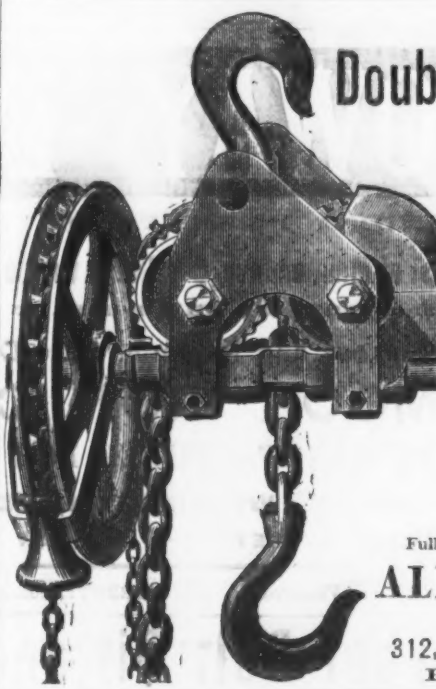
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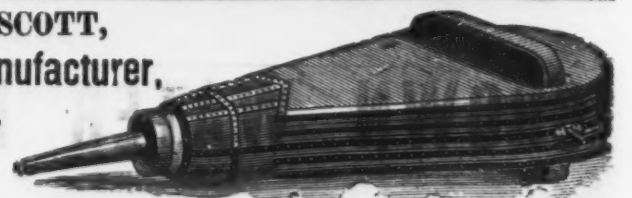
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In a recent issue we gave results of this furnace, which, in principle, was illustrated and described in the *Metallurgical Review* in 1878. As it has been improved in details since, and put in use at Bellefonte, Pa., we now present an illustrated description of the furnace as built. This combination of details gives complete utilization of the fuel, together with the rapid generation of the highest heats practically required. The principle is that the supply of air for the generation of the gas in the producer and the quantity needed for its combustion—partial or complete, as the requirements of the process may be—can be supplied with the needed accuracy only by separate engines.

In the plan of the drawing which we give this week, the air for converting the fuel in the producer into gas is furnished by a vertical fly-wheel engine. In order to make the flow of air more regular, it is delivered into a receiver, from which it is carried to the blast-pipe, being distributed into the producer by the tuyeres at the bottom. The coal is charged into the safety hopper, and falls into the upper part of the producer provided with a boiler-iron skirt, which serves as a retort in which the bituminous substances of the coal are partly distilled off and forced to pass downward into the current of gas. The air is to produce a gas containing one-third by volume of hydrogen, and two-thirds by volume of carbonic oxide, steam being introduced whenever it is necessary to effect that end. The ash and clinker of the coal are removed by fluxing it and tapping the cinder through the opening in the bot-

tom of the hearth, the fluxes being so chosen that the cinder carries three parts of silica to two parts of lime and one part of alumina. To effect this, varying quantities of lime are generally added. We are informed that this plan works very well at the plant put up at Bellefonte. The producer is placed in close proximity to the furnace, thus avoiding any loss of heat by radiation in long flues. Flowing through the outlet flue at the top of the producer, the gas passes downward at its end, and mixes thoroughly with the pre-heated air, which is discharged through the pipe leading from the air-heating apparatus underneath the boiler to a number of small holes in the vertical flues in a direction at right angles to the current of gas. Thus thoroughly mixed, the burning gases enter the reverberatory chamber, impinging upon the metal in the hearth.

The air for the combustion of the gas is furnished in the exact quantity needed by the other blowing engine nearest the boiler. It passes through a regulating receiver and horizontal pipe into cast-iron syphon hot-blast pipes placed under the boiler, where the waste heat of the gases of combustion is utilized. The melter has it in his power to obtain a neutral, oxidizing or reducing flame by regulating the quantity of air to be mixed with the gas. In the case of the two former methods of working, the gases of combustion leave the first reverberatory chamber through its outlet flue, and this heat is first utilized to preheat materials to be melted on the hearth of the next chamber. The heat of the waste gases is further reduced by heating the air in the cast-iron heating pipes and making steam in the boiler above them. In case a reducing flame is required in the first reverberatory chamber, the combustion of the gas has only been partial. In order to fully utilize it the excess of air for combustion is diverted to the pipe shown under the hearth of the pre-heating chamber, carrying it upward in the flues along the free side wall of the hearth to be further heated, and make it flow through the slanting holes in the roof at the

The Precious Metals.

Mint Director Burchard's report upon the production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1882 has some interesting features. Not the least of these is the evidence which it affords of the increasing importance of agriculture as compared with mining in California. It was once supposed that California could not produce enough food for her mining population. But 20 years have changed all that. The Pacific coast is now a regular and heavy exporter of food products. So, too, there was a time when farmers had no rights which miners were

160,000, or \$600,000 more than last year. The yield of the Leadville mines began to diminish before 1881. And yet Colorado, with characteristic assurance, lays claim to a larger production in 1882 than in 1881—as if lead and dross were pure gold or fine silver. Mr. Burchard remarks that "Nevada has suffered probably more than any other mining section from stock speculation and mismanagement in mining." In these respects Colorado is a good second.

The returns from New Mexico, Montana and Arizona are significant of the rapid development of those Territories. Arizona ranks below only Colorado, California and Nevada in its total output, which, however, amounting to \$8,565,000 last year, but little exceeded the output of 1881. But New Mexico jumped from a silver product of \$275,000 in 1881 to \$1,800,000 in 1882. Montana, in like manner, shows an increase of nearly \$2,000,000 in the yield of its silver mines. The gold product of the entire country, which was estimated at \$36,000,000 in 1880, dropped to \$34,700,000 in 1881, and to \$32,500,000 last year.

Convict Labor.

Mr. Arad Barrows, in a letter to the *Philadelphia North American*, discussing the recent bills passed by the Legislature of Pennsylvania with relation to prison-labor contracts, presents the views of those opposed to the contract system, as follows: One of our Senators at Harrisburg estimated the number of convicts in the United States at 20,000. About one-eighth of this

worth to the State and to themselves nearly as much as outside labor in the same line, instead of letting it out to the favored few for their board and clothing only, and find this favored few shops clear of rent and taxes in order to still further depress our business, to the injury of ourselves and workmen.

We will now say a few words in favor of the system these bills propose. Many chains are manufactured by prisoners at the Western Penitentiary. Instead of continuing the contract system (that is, letting this labor at one-fifth its value to that favored few), allow chainmakers or merchants requiring chains to send their iron and coal to the prison and agree with the prison authorities to manufacture the article by the foot or yard, the State receiving the pay, retaining the expense of keeping the prisoners and holding the balance for the prisoners' use. In this way all in any line of business suited for prison facilities can have an equal chance in the employment of this labor, both State and county. We have heard of shovels, hoes, forks, chairs (or parts of them), stockings (the prisoner owning the machine), bags, brooms, brushes, boots, shoes, cigars and a great number of other articles, for which the manufacturer or merchant can send his materials to these people and pay them a fair price to put it in the shape required; and if our House of Correction build a turnpike on this principle, all you have to do is to mark it "convict made" and it answers the law, and by this process justice is done the State, justice is done the prisoner, justice is done to our citizens, and the State is not placed in the unnatural position of being engaged

to fit air-tight to the face, and is held in place by straps buckled up at the back of the head; the mask is fitted with a pair of flexible pipes, the one for exhaling being in communication with the inlet pipe of the filter, and the other, for inhaling, being in communication with the air bag. The exhaled breath having passed through the filter, enters the bag in a purified state, and there, meeting with its complement of oxygen, is fit to be again inhaled. The bag being perfectly flexible, readily expands or contracts as the breath passes in or out of it, so that no effort is required in respiration.

Finishing Files by Sand Blast.

It may be of interest to state that the chief value of the well-known sand-blast method of sharpening files does not consist so much in its application to the sharpening of old files, but in finishing new files that have just been cut. Experiments have shown that such files, submitted to the action of a sand blast, exhibit greater resistance to wear and greater cutting power than files as ordinarily made. In order, however, to obtain definite figures as to their superiority, a series of experiments were made some time ago, yielding the following results: A new bastard file some 14 inches long was finished on one side according to the sand-blast method, while the other side remained in its ordinary state. Still another file of the same dimensions, and which had been in use for some time, was sharpened by a sand blast, and three pieces of gun metal of exactly the same size and the same composition were then operated upon, until finally one of the three cutting surfaces of the two files were found useless for further work. They were then used on cast iron, wrought iron and steel, and in each case it was found that the ordinary file gave out long before the others. The following table gives the number of strokes for each file, the weights of the filings, and the relations of the cutting power for each case. It should be mentioned, however, that the letter *a* represents the new file finished by the sand blast, *b* the ordinary new file, and *c* the old file which was resharpened:

Material.	No. of strokes	Weight of filings in pounds.			Relations of cutting powers		
		a	b	c	a	b	c
Gun metal.	28,000	6.556	3.562	5.258	1.84	1	1.47
Cast iron.	8,000	1.107	0.986	1.173	1.21	1	1.19
Wrt. iron.	4,400	0.361	0.350	0.343	1.08	1	0.975
Steel.	10,000	0.757	0.640	0.673	1.18	1	1.06

The ordinary file was completely worn out during the trials, while those which had been subjected to the sand blast were still in condition for further use. It may also be remarked that Mr. Friedr. Krupp, of Essen, Germany, has introduced the method in his works.

The Composition of Wood.

The fact that all woods contain a certain proportion of moisture, greater or less, according to the time which has elapsed since cutting, is generally known, but it is not always that sufficient attention is given to this point. In the direct application of wood as fuel, or for building purposes, the matter is of great practical importance, so much so that the annexed figures will be perused with interest. Freshly-cut green wood may be said to contain on an average about 45 per cent. of moisture, and even after long exposure to the atmosphere, under favorable conditions, it still retains from 18 to 20 per cent. The table given below, and prepared by M. Violette, shows the proportion of water expelled from different woods at gradually increasing temperatures:

Temperature Degrees Fahrenheit.	Water expelled from one hundred parts of wood.			
	Oak.	Ash.	Elm.	Walnut.
217.....	15.95	14.78	15.38	15.55
309.....	17.03	15.19	17.09	17.43
347.....	19.13	17.22	19.04	19.00
392.....	35.80	37.51	33.38	41.77
437.....	44.31	38.38	40.56	36.56

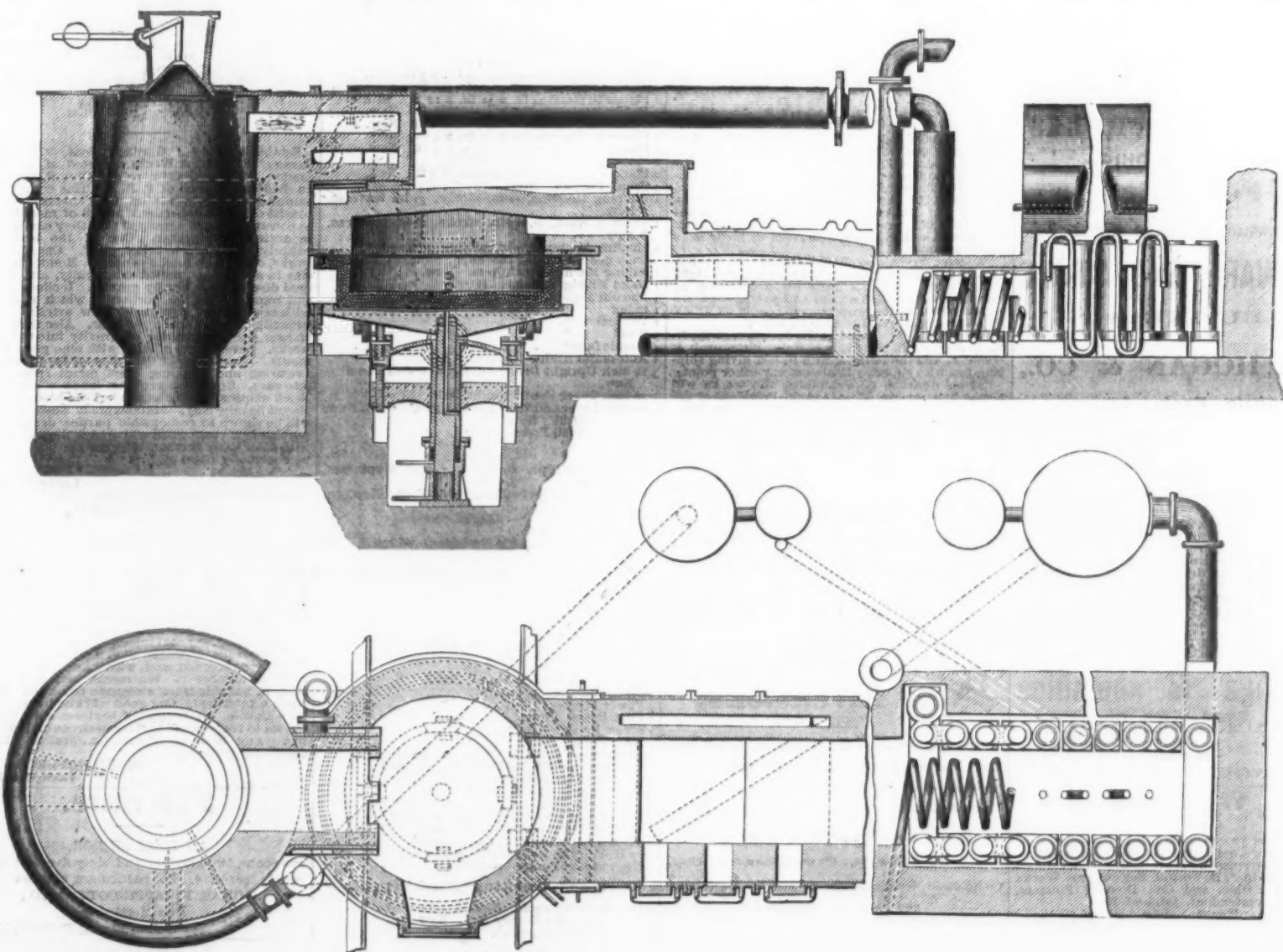
The wood which M. Violette operated upon had been kept in store for two years. In each experiment the specimens were exposed for two hours to desiccation in a current of superheated steam, the temperature of which was gradually raised from 257° to 437° F. When wood which has been strongly dried by means of artificial heat is left exposed to the atmosphere, it reabsorbs about as much water as it contains in its air-dried state. In this connection, the following figures, showing the compositions of different specimens, may prove interesting; the analyses having been made by M. E. Chevalier:

Woods.	Composition.				
	Carbon.	Hydrogen.	Oxygen.	Nitrogen.	Ash.
Beech...	Per ct. 49.36	Per ct. 6.01	Per ct. 42.69	Per ct. 0.91	Per ct. 1.00
Oak...	49.64	5.92	41.16	1.29	1.77
Birch...	50.20	6.20	41.62	1.15	0.81
Poplar...	49.37	6.11	41.60	0.95	1.86
Willow...	49.95	5.96	39.58	0.96	3.37
Average.	49.70	6.05	41.30	1.05	1.89

The Chicago Railway Exposition.

A dispatch from Chicago, dated June 23, says: The National Exposition of Railway Appliances, which has been in progress here for one month, closed to-night. The attendance during the present week was very large, and it was desired to keep the exposition open two weeks longer, but the building having been leased for other purposes, this was prevented. The display has been altogether the greatest yet attempted, and the management has been accorded great praise. Coming to an end at this time the management will sustain a financial loss, which, with the same patronage two weeks longer, would have been avoided. The magnitude of the exhibits necessitated more or less confusion for the first two weeks, and to this is ascribed its partial failure from a financial standpoint.

It is announced that Mr. Robert Hunt, who for many years past has been Keeper of the Mining Records of Great Britain, has retired from that office. The office referred to has charge of the collection of the statistics of mining in Great Britain, and, through the efficient administration of its duties by the late keeper, has been made very important to the coal and iron trades.



VERTICAL AND CROSS SECTIONS OF THE HENDERSON GAS FURNACE.

tom of the hearth, the fluxes being so chosen that the cinder carries three parts of silica to two parts of lime and one part of alumina. To effect this, varying quantities of lime are generally added. We are informed that this plan works very well at the plant put up at Bellefonte. The producer is placed in close proximity to the furnace, thus avoiding any loss of heat by radiation in long flues. Flowing through the outlet flue at the top of the producer, the gas passes downward at its end, and mixes thoroughly with the pre-heated air, which is discharged through the pipe leading from the air-heating apparatus underneath the boiler to a number of small holes in the vertical flues in a direction at right angles to the current of gas. Thus thoroughly mixed, the burning gases enter the reverberatory chamber, impinging upon the metal in the hearth. The air for the combustion of the gas is furnished in the exact quantity needed by the other blowing engine nearest the boiler. It passes through a regulating receiver and horizontal pipe into cast-iron syphon hot-blast pipes placed under the boiler, where the waste heat of the gases of combustion is utilized. The melter has it in his power to obtain a neutral, oxidizing or reducing flame by regulating the quantity of air to be mixed with the gas. In the case of the two former methods of working, the gases of combustion leave the first reverberatory chamber through its outlet flue, and this heat is first utilized to preheat materials to be melted on the hearth of the next chamber. The heat of the waste gases is further reduced by heating the air in the cast-iron heating pipes and making steam in the boiler above them. In case a reducing flame is required in the first reverberatory chamber, the combustion of the gas has only been partial. In order to fully utilize it the excess of air for combustion is diverted to the pipe shown under the hearth of the pre-heating chamber, carrying it upward in the flues along the free side wall of the hearth to be further heated, and make it flow through the slanting holes in the roof at the

bound to respect. The detritus of hydraulic mines was allowed to fill up streams and sweep over meadows, with none to molest or make afraid those who permitted the stuff to destroy crops and ruin homesteads. But this state of affairs has also been, in a measure, changed by the lapse of time and several "anti-slickens" wars. The farmers are asserting themselves; the Legislature has taken a hand; even Congress, in the notorious River and Harbor bill of 1882, undertook to help the miners out of the ditch into which they had fallen, through a grant of money for deepening the Sacramento and other rivers.

Litigation between the agricultural and mining interests has been in progress for two or three years. One result of it has been a considerable falling off in the State's yield of gold. In 1881, according to Mr. Burchard's report rendered a year ago, the California mines produced \$18,200,000 in gold; the new report shows that the output last year was only \$16,800,000. Here is a loss of \$1,400,000, accountable for on no other ground than this—that the farmers have got the upper hand, at least to the extent of suppressing the most damaging hydraulic mining, pending determination in the courts of the respective rights of the two industries. There is gold enough in California still. Mines will be actively worked for many years to come. But their owners must see to it that they do not recklessly trample on the rights of farmers in the valleys. This issue is at this moment about to be settled finally.

The yield of silver in Colorado is almost exactly equal to that of gold in California—\$16,500,000 of the former last year to \$16,800,000 of the latter. But adding the silver to the gold in each case, Colorado takes the lead, with an output of the precious metals in 1882 amounting to \$19,860,000, as against California's yield of \$17,645,000. Nevertheless, even Colorado shows a decline—and that, too, in its chief industry, silver. In 1881 the silver output of the Centennial State amounted to \$17,-

number are employed in the States of New York, Ohio and Maryland in the manufacture of cast-iron stoves and hollow-ware and like castings. They supply their home market, and the surplus is sent into adjoining States, our own State included, underselling the regular trade to such an extent as to make the business unremunerative, and depreciating in value the millions of property invested in this branch of industry. The manufacturers of stoves and hollow-ware in this State are taxed by this process to support the convicts of New York, Ohio and Maryland, and to enrich a few men who are so fortunate as to be prison contractors. They get the labor of these convicts for about 60 cents per day, while those employing outside labor in this industry pay for the same work from \$2 to \$4 per day. The prison people send their stoves to Pittsburgh, pay the freight, and can sell them in that cheap iron market at from \$1 to \$1.50 per stove less than they can be manufactured for there. The trade have not as yet much fault to find with the contract system in this State, for no large bodies of men are brought in competition with any one industry; but extensive iron works are now being built at our Western Penitentiary to enable a favored few to still further depress this business and to depreciate their property. To forestall the operations of these laws just passed, rumor says a contract has been made with a Chicago iron foundry company to run from four to ten years. Our prison authorities will have hard work to make the people believe they are not pecuniarily interested in a contract like this. Is there any justice to our citizens in this? Is there any justice to the prisoner? We put men in prison for embezzling, and then the State embezzles or confiscates his wages (if you like that word better) for the benefit of some pet individual or company. There are several branches of business in the same position, but we take this as an illustration. Do not for a moment suppose the advocates of these bills wished to keep the convicts in idleness. We expect them to work, and their labor should be

in competition with or in depressing the business of any of her citizens out of prison, while she is preparing those in prison for good citizenship, and, if they are industrious, a capital to start with when their term of service expires.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

The Fleuss Apparatus.

Fleuss's noxious gas apparatus for breathing in irrespirable gases, as recently described before one of the scientific societies of Great Britain, is self-contained, wholly independent of the surrounding atmosphere, and will supply air for breathing for four hours at a time. The principle of the apparatus is that the wearer breathes the same air over and over again, the carbonic acid being taken from it at each respiration, and the requisite amount of oxygen restored. The apparatus, which is carried upon the back of the explorer, in the form of a knapsack, consists of a strong sheet-copper cylinder 12 x 6 1/2 inches with domed ends, and capable of holding 4 cubic feet of oxygen gas at a pressure of 16 atmospheres. Above the cylinder is a square metal box 12 inches by 12 inches by 4 inches to contain the filter, which is a box of vulcanite, divided into four compartments by vertical diaphragms, and with a wooden lid made airtight by an india-rubber washer, and having an inlet and outlet pipe with valves attached. This box is filled with hempen tow and stick caustic soda, and the exhaled breath passes twice up and down through the tow and soda, and is thoroughly freed of carbonic acid, the excess of moisture collecting under a perforated false bottom arranged for the purpose. A flat bag of vulcanized india-rubber, 15 x 12 inches, is fastened in front of the wearer, and is connected by an india-rubber pipe passing over the shoulders to the outlet pipe of the filter. The bag is also in communication with the oxygen chamber, and the supply of oxygen can be regulated by a jamb-screw valve under the control of the wearer. An india-rubber mask is made

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Well, Yard and Yard Force Pumps, Deep Well and Deep Well Force Pumps, and Set-Long Pumps, with or without Windmill Tops, 40 % Brass and Brass Cylinder Clusters and Pitcher Pumps, Iron and Brass Cylinder Hand and House Force Pumps, Single or Double Acting, and All Brass Hand Force Pumps, 35 % Hand Rotary Force Pumps, Hand Rotary Barrel Pumps, and Hand Rotary Force Pumps on Frame, 30 % Boiler Feed Pumps, with Pulleys or set b ends, or for hand use, Two-Cylinder Pumps, Horizontal Force Pumps, Hydraulic Rams and Garden Engines, 25 % Windmill, Lift and Force Pump Standards, 45 % Cylinders or Working Sections (Single Acting), new list, 60 % Double-Acting Cylinders or Working Sections and Fig. 281, 35 %

A meeting of the File Manufacturers' Association was held at the Astor House last week. Fully nine-tenths of all the File Manufacturing interest of the country was represented, and a general good feeling prevailed. The ruinously low prices upon Files which have been prevailing of late were checked by an agreement signed by all present, fixing "factory rates" at 45 per cent. from the list of June, 1881, to take effect immediately.

The Ashtabula Tool Co., manufacturers of Forks and Rakes, have appointed Dodman & Burke, 100 Chambers street, New York, their direct representatives, who will be prepared at all times to quote their lowest prices.

The Henry B. Newhall Co., 105 Chambers and 89 Reade streets, have been appointed general agents of the Port Chester Bolt and Nut Co., who manufacture a full line of Tire Bolts in all qualities.

The Yale Caster Co. have appointed John Duer & Sons, of Baltimore, their Southern agents for the sale of their goods, of which they will carry a full line in stock. They ask us to publish the following reply to the letter of the Phoenix Caster Co., which appeared in our issue of the 14th instant. As this controversy can never be settled by discussion in our columns, we will consider it closed, so far as we are concerned, and refer the disputants to that other "forum" in which they both seem anxious to appear.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 25, 1883.

Except that our silence might be misconstrued, we should take no further notice of the very singular course adopted by the Phoenix Caster Co. After having inconspicuously rushed into print with a deceptive statement of their sham law suits, they found they had fired a boomerang. They now precipitately retreat with ungraceful strides from their third or fourth chosen "forum," still breathing threats of violence as they run. We will welcome them most cordially to that other "forum," and will try and make it interesting for them while they stay. As they are already armed with their unquestionable "decrees," we see no reason why they should not try an injunction. This might virtually decide the case too quick to suit the line of tactics they have planned, and the public might learn too soon how they had been imposed upon by the deceptions and the "patent" swagger of these doughty gentlemen. They have posed for years as the owners of a patent covering a caster with two floor wheels and a friction roller.

We have before stated, in our circular to the trade, and in a former letter, that such a caster, exactly as we both use it, was made and patented over 40 years ago. Aside from this old caster, we use no device which Martin either invented, uses or makes any claim to whatever in his patent. This they well know, and accounts for the course of bullying on which they have rung so many changes, from their straw suits away down to their retreat with such a flourish from the columns of *The Iron Age*.

Their stove-truck patent, over which they make such a furor, was an old patent of 1871, bought up and reissued by them eight years later. It originally consisted of a single claim, but they enlarged it in the reissue to eight claims, mostly new, embracing not only all the stove trucks invented in the meantime, but devices well known to the stove trade ever since stoves were sold. It was clearly one of the most aggravated of that class of patents, all of which were wiped out of existence by the sweeping decision of the Supreme Court of January 9, 1882, and reaffirmed by every court since, more recently in patent barred fence-wire suits. The Court well says: "These afterthoughts developed by subsequent improvements, and intended by an expansion of claims to sweep into one net all the appliances necessary to monopolize a profitable manufacture, are obnoxious to grave animadversion." "Every independent inventor, every mechanic, every citizen, is affected by such a delay, and by the issue of a patent with a broader and more comprehensive claim."

"The granting of a reissue for such a purpose, after an unreasonable delay, is clearly an abuse of the power to grant reissues, and may justly be declared illegal and void."

"It will not do for the patentee to wait until other inventors have produced new forms of improvement, and then with the new light thus acquired, under pretense of inadvertence and mistake, apply for such an enlargement of his claim as to make it embrace these new forms."

"Such a process of expansion carried on indefinitely, without regard to lapse of time, would operate most unjustly against the public, and is totally unauthorized by law."

These are examples of the suits brought against their clever and accommodating neighbor, which these brilliant gentlemen were so solicitous that we should go to Indiana to defend.

IRON.

American Pig.—The features of strength which have been remarked of late have continued to develop until we can report a very decided improvement in the feeling of the trade, both buyers and sellers, and an advance in quotations. There is a good deal of inquiry in a quiet way, and producers manifest less inclination to sell for future delivery than has been the case for a long time. There is a very general feeling that

higher prices must prevail, especially for No. 1, of which 100 tons for October delivery have been sold at \$23.25. This grade is in even smaller supply than has been supposed, and the summer months are always unfavorable for its production. We note sales of about 2700 tons at \$21 @ \$22.50, of which one lot of 700 tons was \$21, spot cash. The Thomas Iron Co. report the sale of 6000 tons Gray Forge and No. 2 Foundry at \$19 and \$20. We quote Foundry No. 1, \$21 @ \$22.50; Foundry No. 2, \$19 @ \$20; Gray Forge, \$18 @ \$19.

Scotch Pig.—There is no change in the tone of the market, unless it may be called a shade firmer on account of the advance in freights, which more than counterbalances the slight decline in the Glasgow market. There is very little doing, the activity in American Iron not having affected Scotch. We quote Eglington, \$21 from ship, \$21.50 from yard; Carnbroe, \$22 from yard; Glengarnock, \$22.50 @ \$23 from ship and yard; Dalmellington, \$21.50 @ \$22 from ship; Summerlee, \$24 from ship; Coltness, \$24.50 @ \$24.75 from ship; Gartsherrie, \$25 from yard; Langloan, \$24 from ship.

Steel Rails.—We note sales of 20,000 tons at about \$38 at mill, some of them being a shade under that price, which, however, we continue to quote as the usual quotation.

Old Rails.—There is little or no movement in this article. The market is bare of goods, there is no inquiry, and in the absence of transactions we continue our quotation of \$22 @ \$23.

Bar Iron.—The market for Merchant Bar Iron has ruled remarkably quiet during the past week. Buyers continue to sustain the hand-to-mouth system adopted several months ago, though apparently with less apprehension of a further decline in price than was noted about the first of the month. The "putting-down" time being near at hand, manufacturers are a little more reserved in their efforts to sell, which gives a stronger tone to the market and the prospect of less available stock for the next six or eight weeks. Refined Iron is quoted from the mills at \$1.90 @ \$2.10, with a desire to adhere more closely to the figures than existed a week or two ago. The demand from store has not improved, and dealers are having a favorable opportunity to take their summer vacations without running the risk of losing business. From store Refined Iron is quoted at \$2.30 @ \$2.40, and Common at \$2.10 @ \$2.20.

Scrap Iron.—The demand for Yard Scrap continues very light, with considerable margin in price between sellers and buyers. A small trade is doing in cargo lots, ex-ship. We continue last week's quotations for Selected Yard Scrap at \$24 @ \$25, and ex-ship at \$22 @ \$23.

METALS.

Copper.—The market has gradually subsided into a very dull, not to say weak, mood, and we hear some of the manufacturers who recently bought in the great purchase have been re-sellers. In this manner a couple of hundred thousand lb have changed hands, of Lake Copper at 15 1/4 @ 15 1/2, while other brands sell at 14 1/4 @ 14 1/2. These are also the closing quotations. From London we are cabled this afternoon to the following effect: "Market a little firmer. Best Selected, £60 @ £70, and Chili Bars, £64 @ £64 10/16. Manufacturers may be quoted as under: Bottoms, 24 1/2; Braziers, 24 1/2; Sheathing, 22 1/2, and Bolt Copper, 24 1/2. These rates, we presume, may still be shaded."

Tin.—More life has got into the market both here and in Europe; London had gone down all the way to £93. 5/ with Straits Tin, but yesterday recovered to £94. 5/ while here we have risen from 21 1/2 yesterday to 21 3/4 to-day. L and F is worth 22 1/2. We are cabled to-day from London as under: "Market a little stronger. Straits Ingots, spot, £94 @ £94 10/16, and futures, £95 @ £95 10/16. Messrs. Gilliland, Wood & Co., Singapore, make the shipments from the Straits settlements to the United States during the first four months of the year 34,866 piculs of 134 lb, against 39,176 last year; 63,913 in 1881, 36,155 in 1880, 21,590 in 1879, and 18,511 in 1878."

IMPORT INTO THE UNITED STATES. (July 1 to May 1.)

	1883.	Value.
Total import.....	3,591,817	\$14,752,518
Re-export.....	18,748	55,733
Net import.....	3,573,069	\$14,696,785
Or tons.....	178,936	

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EXPORTS OF SPECIES. For the week ended June 23:

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Lead.—Since our last report, 1000 tons sold at \$4.40 @ \$4.42 1/2, part of it Germania, to arrive, since when the market continues quiet, but firm, at \$4.40 @ \$4.42 1/2 for Common Domestic, and \$4.42 1/2 @ \$4.45 for Corroding. St. Louis is quiet at \$4.12 1/2 for Hard, and \$4.15 for Corroding; freight as before. We receive the ensuing cablegram from London this afternoon: "Market a little lower. Common English Pig, £12. 17/6 @ £13. 2/6." Manufacturers are quoted as follows: Lead Pipe, 6 1/4 @ 7 1/4; Sheet Lead, 7 1/4 @ 8 1/4; Tin-lined Lead Pipe, 15 1/2 @ 16 1/2, and Block-tin Pipe, 45 1/2, less the usual discount to dealers.

Spelter.—Is duller and weaker even than before; very little transpires, and that little at \$4.50 @ \$4.60 for Common Domestic. We quote Silesian 5 1/2 @, nominally; Bortha Refined, 7 1/4 @ 8 1/4, and Bergenport, 9 1/2 @. Sheet Zinc is inactive at 6 1/2. From London we receive the following cable message: "Spelter unchanged. Ordinary, £15 @ £15. 2/6 at shipping ports."

IMPORT INTO THE UNITED STATES. July 1 to May 1.

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Spelter.....	14,535,722	\$505,568
Sheet zinc.....	2,811,925	128,316
Total.....	17,347,647	\$633,884
Re-export, sheet zinc.....	3,531	188
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Antimony.—This metal lacks animation at \$10.70 for Cookson and \$9.70 Hallett.

COAL.

An advance in the prices of Anthracite Coal July 1 has been agreed to by nearly all the principal producing companies. The figures named are 10¢ a ton on Broken, 15¢ on Egg and 25¢ on Stove and Chestnut, at tidewater. The Pennsylvania Coal Co., we understand, will make a slight advance on some sizes, but not on all. The several announcements by the Delaware and Lackawanna and other companies will be out in a day or two. The market, as a whole, is considered in better shape than for some time past, and gradually improving. There is little, if any, cutting of prices anywhere, unless some of the inferior Coals are excepted. Prime qualities are firmly held. Stocks generally are supposed to be light, but, so far as manufacturers are concerned, the advance is believed to be without warrant.

In the Eastern trade coilers now have the advantage of ample return freights of ice, the movement of which is heavy from the Kennebec to all the Coal ports.

Bituminous is without change, and for Cumberland is quoted about \$4.25; Clearfield, \$3.75 @ \$4. The *Miners' Journal* says there is a considerably better demand for Coal for shipment to Eastern and Southern points, and the facilities for shipment are also much improved, so that the accumulations at tidewater points, which were reduced last month to 645,377 tons, now aggregate scarcely 500,000 tons. The improved demand will soon take up this quantity, and the necessity for further suspension be removed.

FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENTS.

The following is a summary of foreign trade movements during the past week:

IMPORTS.

For the week ended June 23:

	1883.	Value.
Total for week.....	\$7,537,104	\$2,159,313
Prev. week.....	\$7,537,104	\$2,159,313
Since Jan. 1.....	\$7,537,104	\$2,159,313

Included in the imports were leading articles of merchandise valued as follows:

	Pkgs.	Value.
Antimony.....	50	\$310
Aluminum.....	1	600
Brass goods.....	107	13,003
Chains.....	35	5,109
Chains and anchors.....	1	1,818
Clocks.....	17	1,818
Copper.....	107	13,003
Cross goods.....	28	7,610
Guns.....	29	6,012
Hardware.....	17	2,680
Iron, pig, tons.....	4,239	104,997
Iron, sheet, tons.....	71	5,028
Iron, ore, tons.....	2,100	8,538
Iron, other, tons.....	1,281	38,542
Lead, pigs.....	790	3,060
Machinery.....	47	26,008
Metal goods.....	27	4,476
Nails.....	27	1,748
Needles.....	6	1,821
Nickel.....	40	4,380
Old metal.....	47	2,723
Plated ware.....	4	612
Per. caps.....	23	4,296
Pins.....	4	173
Quicksilver.....	600	15,813
Saddlery.....	25	3,139
Steel.....	75,590	28,382
Spelter, lbs.....	606,558	24,564
Tin, bxs.....	33,444	306,040
Tin, 100 lb ams, 112,415 lbs.....	29,504	2,544,086
Wire.....	2,736	16,035
Zinc, lbs.....	60,170	2,537
Zinc oxide.....	151	1,596

The quantity of hardware and metals imported compares with previous dates as follows:

	For the 25 weeks.	Same week.	1883.
Cutlery, pkgs.....	238	3,514	3,474
Hardware, pkgs.....	17	6,790	511
Iron, R. R., bxs.....	17	74,310	74,310
Lead, pigs.....	790	3,060	16,544
Steel, pkgs.....	97,500	1,870,191	1,007,883
Tin, bxs.....	33,444	899,355	1,005,051
Tin slabs, lbs.....	112,415	10,034,548	8,340,819

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Total.....	3,591,817	\$14,752,518
Previously reported.....	18,748	55,733
Total since January 1, 1883.....	3,573,069	\$14,696,785
Same time in 1882.....	3,483,437	\$14,240,941
Same time in 1880.....	3,420,941	\$13,840,941
Same time in 1879.....	3,420,941	\$13,840,941
Same time in 1878.....	3,420,941	\$13,840,941
Same time in 1877.....	3,420,941	\$13,840,941
Same time in 1876.....	3,420,941	\$13,840,941
Same time in 1875.....	3,420,941	\$13,840,941
Same time in 1874.....	3,420,941	\$13,840,941
Same time in 1873.....	3,420,941	\$13,840,941
Same time in 1872.....	3,420,941	\$13,840,941

Of Hardware, Iron, Machinery, Metals, &c., from the Port of New York, for the week ending June 26, 1883.

	Quant.	Val.
Dutch West Indies.		
Pt. M., gals.....	2,295	\$340
Bel.....	1	63
Mach'y, pkgs.....	3	181
Iron tubes.....	100	350
Dutch East Indies.		
Pt. M., gals.....	958,250	99,995
Bremen.		
Hdw, pkgs.....	75	1,762
Cutlery, cs.....	1	100
Mf. iron, pkgs.....	11	770
Ag. imp, pkgs.....	7	493
Sundsvall.		
Pt. M., gals.....	96,003	7,600
Hamburg.		
Clocks, pkgs.....	117	4,704
Ag. imp, pkgs.....	26,912	2,999
Wriggers, cs.....	13	299
Br. g'ds, case.....	1	50
Ore, sacks.....	234	10,000
Sew. ma, cs.....	1219	23,865
Hdw, pkgs.....	18	980
Revolvers, cs.....	1	275
Mach'y, pkgs.....	3	738
Pt. M., gals.....	16,189	19,633

	Quant.	Val.
Spainish Possessions.		
in Africa.		
Pt. M., gals.....	20,550	8,086
Clocks, pkgs.....	1	181
Cow, ma, cs.....	1	181
Mach'y, pkgs.....	1	181
Mf. iron, pkgs.....	1	181
Wigs, pkgs.....	1	181
Porto Rico.		
Wheels, sets.....	5	236
Hdw, pkgs.....	23	288
Ag. imp, pkgs.....	21	590
Mach'y, pkgs.....	1	181
Sew. ma, cs.....	1	181
Pt. M., gals.....	19,048	2,190
I. tubes, bdis.....	18	75
Scales, cs.....	12	850
Mf. iron, pkgs.....	202	357
Bath tubs, pgs.....	2	23
Nails, kegs.....	131	468
Cutlery, cs.....	3	194
Pumps, pkgs.....	3	38
Clocks, pkgs.....	3	38
Alexandria.		
Pt. M., gals.....	33,440	20,916
Santo Domingo.		
Hdw, pkgs.....	5	149
Mach'y, pkgs.....	180	5,185
Mf. iron, pkgs.....	8	8
Pt. M., gals.....	2700	329
Belts, cs.....	3	187
Boilers, cs.....	3	2,400
Sew. ma, cs.....	20	546
Clocks, case.....		

White, No. 1	3 1/2 c. @ 4 c.
" No. 2	3 1/2 c. @ 4 c.
Seconds	3 1/2 c. @ 4 c.
Soft Woollens	5 c. @ 6 c.
Mixed Rags	1 1/2 c. @ 1 1/2 c.
Gunny Bagging	1 1/2 c. @ 1 1/2 c.
Jute Butts	1 1/2 c. @ 1 1/2 c.
Kentucky Bagging	1 1/2 c. @ 1 1/2 c.
Book Stock	1 1/2 c. @ 2 c.
Newspapers	1 c. @ 1 c.
Waste Paper and Scraps	1 c. @ 1 c.
Kentucky Bale Rope	3 1/2 c. @ 4 c.

PHILADELPHIA.

Office of The Iron Age, 220 South Fourth St.,
Philadelphia, June 26, 1883.

Pig Iron.—There is no change of special importance, although No. 1 Foundry is in more active demand and held with considerable firmness. It is regarded as certain that this class of iron has touched bottom for the present. Consumers are showing their confidence and strengthening the market by buying larger lots than usual, and holders, finding this to be the case, are becoming less anxious for business, so that it would be almost impossible to place orders of any amount at the rates ruling a week or two ago. Prices are nominally unchanged, but very little good iron can be had at less than \$21, delivered, although some good brands are still available in limited quantities at \$20. Others are held at \$22, and from that up to \$23.50 for a few strictly choice makes, which always command a premium of a dollar or two beyond the general market. Sales have been in good sized lots, several of 500 to 1000 tons each having been reported, and one or two in still larger quantities. A 1000-ton lot of Allentown was sold from second hands at \$20.50, delivered at Perth Amboy. The Allentown Iron Co., however, claim to be firm at \$22 for the same delivery. No. 2 sells very slowly, and may still be quoted dull and weak at prices ranging from \$18.50 to \$20, delivered. The most difficult article to quote is Gray Forge, which is weak and irregular at all sorts of prices. A few leading brands still command \$20, delivered, but others can be had at prices ranging from \$18.50 down, the heaviest business being at about \$18 @ \$18.50, for what are recognized as good Neutral Irons, all Philadelphia delivery. What the future is to be no one appears to know. No. 1 Foundry, at present prices, will evidently command a market, but other descriptions are so dull and the outlook so uncertain that buyers are afraid to take hold; hence (as regards the lower grades) timidity and weakness on the part of both buyer and seller. Stocks of this class of iron appear to be quite large, and as there is not likely to be any great demand during the next month or six weeks, there is little room to expect anything but a dull market, with more or less weakness in prices.

P. S.—In consequence of the increasing sale of Southern Irons, we base all quotations on Philadelphia deliveries. With some freights at \$1 and others at \$2 @ \$3 per ton, it is impossible to quote the market intelligently unless by making uniform deliveries.

Bessemer Pig.—No business has been done during the week, although for some deliveries sellers could be found at \$21. Buyers are not in immediate need of supplies, however, and as they find the market for their product very weak, they are disposed to hold off on a chance of lower prices. Domestic Bessemer is in larger supply than formerly, and as prices are low, it is difficult to make any headway with foreign at over \$20 @ \$20.50. At the same time we are cognizant of orders being out at \$21 for 1000-ton lots, which, in all probability, will be accepted.

Spiegelisen.—No sales during the past week, although sellers are somewhat anxious for business. Latest transactions were as follows: \$25.50 for 10 to 12%; \$31 for 20%, and \$47 for 45%.

Muck Bars.—The demand has been fair, and sales during the week amount to about 3000 tons, all sold. Prices vary according to quality, \$34 @ \$34.50 at mill being the usual price for first-class quality, but sales in some cases have been made as low as \$33.50. Market a little heavy.

Blooms.—Market exceedingly quiet, and sales in quantity difficult to make at any price. Prices are almost nominal, as follows: Charcoal Blooms, \$57.50 @ \$60; Run-out Anthracite, \$48 @ \$50; Scrap Blooms, \$42.50 @ \$45; Northern Ore Blooms, \$40 @ \$42.50.

Bar Iron.—The market is in a fair condition, and, on the whole, probably as good, if not better, than it has been within the past month or six weeks. The demand is of a more general character, and while the lots called for have not been large, there has been sufficient of them to keep the mills actively employed. This may have been in anticipation of a lessened output during the coming month, and to secure stock to meet contingencies. Prices are about steady, but there is a wide difference in quotations, according to quantity, specification in sizes and requirements as to quality. As a rule, 2.25¢ is quoted for small lots best refined iron, but we hear of business being taken at 2.1¢ @ 2.15¢, when the order was specially desirable. Common iron is nominal at 1.8¢ @ 1.9¢, but there is no demand of importance. Skelp iron is very quiet, and no sales have been heard of within the past ten days. Grooved is nominal at about 2.15¢ @ 2.2¢, delivered, and Sheared at 2.3¢.

In this connection we have much pleasure in announcing the fact that the well-known firm of James Rowland & Co., of this city, who suspended in 1878, and to whom an extension of five years was granted, have within the past week paid principal and interest in full several days in advance of maturity. This news will doubtless be gratifying to the friends of the firm, and we are sure that it is both a pride and a pleasure to the members of the firm.

Plate and Tank Iron.—Without any specially heavy demand, the improved feeling noted in our recent reports seems to be maintained. The mills are all fairly supplied with orders, and as the output is likely to be very light during the next few weeks, there is not much urgency for new business. It is difficult to say what the ultimate outcome will be, as the fall trade is not considered altogether assured, but manufacturers are disposed to take their chances on the present basis of prices as being some-

where near bed-rock. Sales have been made at 2.3¢, delivered, for Ship Plate; 2.4¢ for Tank Iron; 3¢ @ 3.25¢ for Shell; 4¢ @ 4.25¢ for Flange, and 5.25¢ for Fire-Box.

Structural Iron.—There is not much of interest to report this week, although business is in fair condition. New business to the extent of 800 to 1000 tons has been entered, and a considerable amount is in sight for distribution within the next six or eight weeks; hence the feeling of confidence as regards the fall trade. Prices are steady at last quoted, viz: Angles, 2.3¢ @ 2.4¢; Tees, 2.3¢, and Beams and Channels, 3.5¢.

Sheet Iron.—The demand has improved considerably, and prices may now be called steady to firm. Buyers of large lots can still obtain concessions, but the feeling is stronger, and the general tendency is in the direction of higher prices. Small lots are quoted as before, viz:

Common Sheets, No. 28	4 1/2 c.
Common Sheets, Nos. 26 and 27	4 1/2 c.
Common Sheets, No. 24 to 25	4 1/2 c.
Common Sheets, No. 22 to 23	4 1/2 c.
Best Refined, 1/4" advance on the above	3 1/2 c.
Best Bloom Sheets, No. 26 to 28	6 1/2 c.
Best Bloom Sheets, No. 24 to 25	6 1/2 c.
Common Red Plates, 3/16 to 1/8"	3 1/2 c.
Best Bloom, Galvanized, discount 40%	40%
Second quality, discount	20%

Wrought Iron Pipe.—Demand continues light, and there appears to be little chance of any immediate improvement. It is said that this branch of business has not been so depressed for a long time. Prices are weak and unchanged, as follows, for ordinary lots: 5 1/2¢ @ 6¢ off list price on Boiler Tubes, and 70¢ off on Gas and Steam Pipe, while on special sizes further discounts of more or less importance could be had.

Steel Rails.—There is rather more demand, but prices are easier, and \$38 has been shaded for a lot of about 10,000 tons. A similar order is on the market, which the buyer expects to place at \$37, if not less, sellers having offered a liberal concession on \$38, their first asking price. Small lots for summer delivery command \$38 @ \$39, but such orders as the above can be placed at \$37.50 @ \$38, and for deliveries in the late summer it is not unlikely that still better terms could be had. The mills are very full of work for the next three months, but there is not much coming in for fall and winter; hence the desire to secure such orders as may be offered, even though it may crowd them a little during the summer months.

Steel Crop Ends.—There is not much doing in this article, although \$23.50 is bid for 500 tons. Holders appear to have confidence in higher prices in course of next month, and are therefore firm at \$24, at which price there are sellers.

Old Rails.—Market rather quiet, although buyers can be found at reduced quotations. A 500-ton lot Bull Heads for shipment to Philadelphia was sold a few days ago at \$23, and \$21.75 is bid for Tees, and \$25.50 for Double Heads.

Scrap Iron.—Market exceedingly dull, and sales hard to make at quotations recently current. Cargo lots are offered at \$23, but buyers appear to have withdrawn from the market, and prices look like going still lower.

Nails.—Current demand appears to be somewhat ahead of production, and prices are held with more firmness than has been the case for some time past. Small lots command about \$3.10 per keg, and even on larger orders \$3 appears to be about the lowest selling price.

PITTSBURGH.

Office of The Iron Age, 77 Fourth Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa., June 26, 1883.

There has been no important change in the general iron situation during the past week. The apprehension occasioned by the embarrassment of Graff, Bennett & Co. has pretty well subsided. With here and there an exception, the iron trade of the West is in good condition financially, and we can see no reason for the apprehension of those who predict another panic in the trade. The trouble, of course, is overproduction, but the cure for this is being applied with a good deal of vigor; furnaces are blowing out and mills stopping in all directions, and the indications are that by the first of September the general situation will be much improved. Consumption within that time will no doubt be considerably increased, while stocks will be kept down, and there is no reason apparent at present why there should not be a good fall trade. The crop reports are growing more encouraging as the season advances. It is admitted on all hands that the present will be a year of low prices; that profits, under the influence of an active competition, will, of necessity, be small; but, as already stated, there are no grounds for apprehending anything like a panic.

Ores.—The position of the market remains unchanged. Business continues very unsatisfactory, and no improvement need be looked for at present. The reports from the Lake Ore region are of a most discouraging character.

Pig Iron.—The dullness noted from week to week for some time past continues, and there is very little prospect of any immediate change for the better. Fully one-half of the furnaces in the Allegheny, Mahoning and Shenango Valleys have gone out of blast, and the number is to be increased between now and the 1st of July. This being the case, it is evident that production in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio will be very much reduced during the rest of the summer, and this is about the only bright spot apparent at the present time. The indications are that the consumption will continue light during July and August, but an increased business is looked for in September, and it may start up before. Some of the Marshall Iron is still on the market, and no doubt will be until it is all disposed of. We repeat former quotations:

No. 1 Foundry	20.00 @ 21.00, 4 mos.
No. 2 "	19.00 @ 20.00, 4 "
Neutral Mill	17.00 @ 18.00, 4 "
Red-Short Mill	18.00 @ 19.00, 4 "
Warm-Blast Charcoal	25.00 @ 26.00, 4 "
Cold-Blast Charcoal	23.00 @ 24.00, 4 "
Bessemer Iron	21.00 @ 22.00, 4 "

We can report a sale of 500 tons Warm-Blast Charcoal at \$25, 4 mos., and some small lots of Bessemer at \$21.50; a round lot of the latter could no doubt be had considerably below the prices quoted.

Muck Bar.—The offerings are light, but there does not appear to be much inquiry. In the absence of sales we repeat former quotations, \$34 @ \$34.50, cash at mill.

Manufactured Iron.—We have to report a continued dull market, and prices are weak and irregular. There is a good deal of competition for desirable orders, which are not very plenty, and for these we hear very low rates. Manufacturers still quote on a basis of 1.9¢ @ 2¢, but we hear of sales as low as 1.8¢. Some of the mills are now idle, and it is given out that the number will be considerably increased next month.

Nails.—At a meeting of the Nail Association the other day, a suspension of the factories for three or four weeks was talked of, although no definite action was taken. If business, however, should fall off, there is no doubt that a stoppage will be ordered, as it is determined to prevent the market from being overstocked. Prices are steady as quoted in our last report—\$3, 60 days, 2¢ off for cash, with an abatement of 10¢ per keg on carload lots and upward.

Wrought Iron Pipe.—There has been but little change in the position of the market since our last report; demand continues light, while prices remain unchanged. Discounts on Gas and Steam Pipe, 70¢ and 5¢ @ 70¢ and 10¢; on Boiler Tubes, 55¢ @ 55¢ and 5¢; Oil Well Casing, 48¢ @ 50¢ per foot, 10¢ tubing, 15¢ @ 17¢, net.

Steel.—The Merchant Steel trade continues dull, unusually so for this season of the year; none of the mills are working up to anything like their full capacity, and the indications are that the ordinary stoppage next month for stock-taking and repairs will be extended beyond the usual time. As in the case of iron, with an active competition for orders, prices are being cut a good deal.

Steel Rails.—The mills here are not in condition to make additional contracts for near-by delivery, being sold several months ahead. Prices for Heavy Sections are still quoted at \$38.50 @ \$39, cash at mill; so far as we know, there have been no sales here below our inside quotation.

Old Rails.—The market has stiffened up considerably, but in the absence of sales it is difficult to give reliable quotations. Consumers appear to be pretty well supplied, one of the largest having 14,000 tons on hand and bought to arrive.

Railway Track Supplies.—A fair business reported, with no change in prices. Spikes, 2.6¢, 30 days; Splice Bars, 2¢; Track Bolts, 3¢ with Square and 3.2¢ @ 3.25¢ with Hexagon Nuts.

Scrap.—The Scrap trade is almost dead, not enough doing to establish prices. Wrought Scrap is nominal at \$22 @ \$23, net, for Ordinary, and \$24 for Selected Railway; Old Car Axles, \$32 @ \$33; Wrought Turnings, \$15 @ \$17; Old Car Wheels, very dull—nominal at \$20 @ \$21, gross; Crop Ends.—There has not been a sale reported for several weeks, in the absence of which we quote nominally at \$25, gross.

Coke.—There is no improvement to note, and not likely to be very soon; prices are still quoted same as a week ago, 87 1/2¢ @ 90¢ per ton, delivered free on cars at ovens. It is stated that about one-fourth of the whole number of ovens in the Connellsville region have gone out, and that the number will be considerably increased within the next few weeks.

Window Glass.—Discounts remain unchanged at 70¢ on Single and 70 and 10¢ on Double Strength. The factories will shut down at the close of this month and remain so until September.

CHICAGO.

Office of The Iron Age, 36 and 38 Clark St.,
Chicago, June 25, 1883.

Hardware.—A fair trade is doing in Shelf and Heavy Hardware, and quotations generally remain unchanged.

Nails.—The demand for Nails continues good at \$3.25 per keg for 10d. to 60d. in small lots, with an additional 10¢ off for carload lots, with the usual discount off for cash.

Pig Iron.—We have no material change to note as having occurred during the week past in the Pig Iron market. Demand good at present quotations: Lake Superior, Nos. 1 and 2, \$23; No. 3, \$24, and Nos. 4, 5 and 6, \$25, 4 mos.; Briar Hill, \$25; Himrod, \$23; Crane No. 1, \$25; No. 2, \$24; Thomas, \$24 @ \$26; American Scotch, \$24 @ \$25; Du Val, No. 1, \$23.50; No. 2, \$22.50; Fulton Notch, No. 2, \$22.50; No. 3, \$21.50; Calumet, \$23 @ \$23.50, 4 mos.; Imported Scotch, \$27 @ \$28; Southern Coke, No. 1, \$23.35; No. 2, \$22.35; Low Moor, No. 1, \$24; No. 2, \$22.75, 4 mos. Silvery Soft, \$21 @ \$22.

Manufactured Iron.—The Merchant Iron trade during the week past has been fair, without any change in quotations to be noted. We quote Bar, 2.20¢ @ 2.30¢ rates; Angle Iron, 3¢ @ 3.20¢ rates; T Iron, 4¢ rates; Beams, 3.80¢; Channels, 3¢; Nos. 10 to 14 gauge, 3.20¢ rates; Nos. 15 to 17 do., 3.50¢; Nos. 18 to 21 do., 3.80¢; Nos. 22 to 24 do., 4¢; Nos. 25 and 26 do., 5¢; No. 27, 5.20¢; No. 28, 5.60¢. These quotations would be shaded on large lots from 1-10th to 2-10ths cent per pound. Norway Original Bars, 4 1/2¢ rates; Norway Rolled Bars, 5 1/2¢ rates; Ulster, 4 1/2¢ rates; Low Moor Iron, 8¢ rates; Nuts and Washers, 8¢ off list; Wrought Boat Spikes, 3¢ rates.

Steel.—The Tool, Machinery and Agricultural Steel market continues without change, but with a dull tendency, while quotations remain as follows: Tool, 11 1/2¢; Machinery O. H., 5¢; Crucible Machinery, 7¢; Hammer, 2 inches and under, 8¢; over 2 inches, 9¢; Cast Spring, 6¢, and O. H. Spring, Tire and Sleigh Shoe, 5¢; Sheet, first, second and third quality, 12¢, 10 1/2¢ and 8 1/2¢ respectively; Crucible Plow, 6¢; Eagle Plow, 5¢; Iron Center Plow, 9 1/2¢; and Soft Steel Center Plow, 9 1/2¢; Cast Plow, 5¢; German Plow, 4 1/2¢.

Scrap Iron.—The market is decidedly dull, there being very little inquiry for Scrap of any kind. We quote as follows, which are dealers' purchasing prices: No. 1 Country Wrought Scrap, per net ton, \$17; No. 1 Cast Scrap, per ton, \$15; No. 1 Stove Plate Scrap,

per ton, \$10; Machine Shop Wrought Turnings, per ton, \$9; Cast Iron Boring, \$7; Old Plows and Plow Steel, \$11; Malleable Scrap, \$5.

EVERETT & POST, 156 Lake street, Chicago, report to us as follows, under date of June 23, 1883: *Connellsville Foundry Co's.*—The past week has developed nothing new in Coke. Prices for Connellsville Foundry Coke are unchanged. There is a good demand, consequent upon shutting down of so many ovens owned by smaller operators. The large producers are behind on their orders. *Pig Lead.*—This article has shown more firmness during the week. Sales have been made of 500 tons Common and Refined at \$4.15 and \$4.17 1/2, and 100 tons Refined at \$4.20. There is a very fair demand noticeable. The market closes firm at \$4.15 to \$4.17 1/2 and \$4.20, according to brand and delivery.

CHATTANOOGA.

Office of The Iron Age, Market and 8th Sts.,
Chattanooga, June 25, 1883.

The summer heat continues, and business partakes of the general languor. General trade is very fair for the season, and merchants make no special complaint of slow collections. In heavy articles, outside the building trades, there is very little interest. The closing or slowing down of many iron concerns in Chattanooga is not very seriously felt, as the hands, or most of them, find employment readily in the great number of wood-working and other manufactories that have sprung up since 1879. Crop reports in the South favor an average production in all lines.

Pig Iron.—There is nothing of interest to report. Sales of large lots are rare, and when they occur concessions are necessary. Several of the Coke furnaces now in will go out during the summer. We continue to quote No. 1 Foundry, \$19 @ \$20; No. 2 Foundry, \$18 @ \$19; Gray Forge, \$16 @ \$17; White and Mottled, \$14 @ \$15; Car-wheel Metal, \$24 @ \$26.

Ores.—We quote 50¢ Brown Hematite, per ton, \$2 @ \$2.75; Red Fossil, \$2 @ \$2.25, delivered at furnace.

Miscellaneous Articles.—Old Rails are in full supply at \$22, and rather dull. Wrought Scrap, \$18 @ \$22; Cast Scrap, \$11 @ \$14; Old Wheels, nominal, \$22.

Nails.—Are fairly strong at \$3 for large bills, and 10¢ @ 15¢ higher for small lots.

Manufactured Iron.—Bar is dull at \$2 for round lots, assorted sizes; Railroad Spikes, \$2.70; Track Bolts, \$3.20; Fish Plate, \$2.

Coal.—We quote Fancy Lump, \$3; Common, \$2.50; run of mine to manufacturers, \$1.75 at mills.

Coke.—We quote Furnace Coke, \$3 at point of consumption; Foundry, 10¢ @ 12¢ per bushel.

LOUISVILLE.

GEO. H. HULL & CO., Commission Merchants, report to us as follows, under date of June 23, 1883: The demand for Hot-blast Foundry Irons is very much improved. Prices are firm, and considerable sales are being made. Car-wheel Irons are dull. We quote, for cash, in round lots, as below:

FOUNDRY IRON.	
No. 1 Hanging Rock Charcoal	25.00 @ 26.00
No. 1 Southern Charcoal	21.50 @ 22.00
No. 1 Hanging Rock Stonecoal	20.50 @ 21.00
No. 1 Southern Stonecoal and Coke	20.50 @ 21.00
No. 2 "	19.00 @ 19.50
" American Scotch "	19.00 @ 20.00
Open Silver-gray	18.00 @ 19.00
Coke	17.00 @ 18.00

MILL IRONS.	
No. 1 Charcoal	20.00 @ 20.50
No. 1 Stonecoal and Coke, Neutral	18.00 @ 18.50
No. 2 "	17.00 @ 17.50
No. 1 "	Cold-short 17.50 @ 18.00
No. 2 "	16.50 @ 17.00

CAR WHEEL IRONS.	
Hanging Rock, Cold-blast	32.00 @ 35.00
Warm-blast	25.00 @ 27.00
Alabama and Georgia, Warm and Cold-blast	27.00 @ 28.00
Central Kentucky, Cold-blast	25.00 @ 26.00

W. B. BELKNAP & CO., Iron and Steel Merchants, No. 115 to 121 West Main street, report to us as follows, under date of June 23, 1883: Trade the past week has been quiet, but not more so than is usual at this season. There has been little, if any, change in prices, but there is, perhaps, manifested a lower tendency in most lines of goods. There seems to be a general disposition to wait for something to turn up.

CINCINNATI.

JUNE 25.—Pig Iron.—The market remains much in the same condition as reported last week. The reports of the market in some of the local papers last week is thought to be a coinage of the imagination, as no facts can be found to support them. The larger consumers of Foundry and Mill Irons report offers of large and small lots at prices that have not found their way into the quotations, but they are generally of low grades. Prices at which best grades have been taken will be found in the following quotations: Best Hanging Rock C. C. Foundry, \$25; Good, \$24 @ \$24.50; Southern, \$21 @ \$22.50; No. 2, \$1 less. Best Hanging Rock Coke, \$22; Good, \$21; Southern, \$20; No. 2, 50¢ @ \$1 less. Best No. 1 American Scotch, \$22; Good, \$21; No. 2, \$1 less. Silver Gray Softeners—Best, \$20.50; Good, \$20; No. 2, \$19 @ \$19.50; No. 3, \$18 @ \$18.50. Forge, \$17 @ \$22 for range of Stonecoal, Coke and C. C.

ST. LOUIS.

HOFFER & CO., Pig Iron and Iron Ore Merchants, 214 Pine street, report to us as follows, under date of June 23, 1883: Business is still very dull, and prices remain about the same as last reported. We quote:

HOT-BLAST CHARCOAL IRONS.	
Missouri	20.00 @ 20.50
S. other	18.50 @ 20.00
Ohio	20.00 @ 20.50

COAL AND COKE IRONS.	
Missouri	20.00 @ 20.50
S. other	18.50 @ 20.00
Ohio	20.00 @ 20.50

MILL IRONS.	
Red Short	18.00 @ 20.00
Neutral	17.00 @ 18.00

CAR WHEEL AND MALLEABLE IRONS.	
Missouri	21.00 @ 22.00
S. other	19.50 @ 20.00
Ohio	21.00 @ 22.00

BALTIMORE.

W. N. WYETH, Iron and Steel Merchant, 46 and 48 South Charles street, reports us the following, under date of June 25, 1883: There has been doing, for the past week, a moderately fair business, at close and shaded figures, as per annexed quotations:

Ref. Bar Iron, 1 to 6 x 3/4 to 1"	2 1/2 c. @ 2 3/4 c.
" " 1 to 4 1/2 x 1 1/4 to 1"	2 1/2 c. @ 2 3/4 c.
" " 3/4 to 1", Round	2 1/2 c. @ 2 3/4 c.
and Square	2 1/2 c. @ 2 3/4 c.
Hot Iron, 1 1/2 wide and upward	3 1/2 c. @ 3 3/4 c.
Hot Iron, from 1 1/2 to 5 in. wide	2 7/10 c. @ 2 8/10 c.
Horse-shoe Iron	3 1/2 c. @ 3 3/4 c.
Norway Nail Rods	5 1/2 c. @ 5 3/4 c.
Black Diamond Cast Steel	11 @ 12 ¢
Machinery Steel	4 1/2 c. @ 5 ¢
Spring Steel	4 @ 4 1/2 ¢
Common Horse Nails	10 @ 11 ¢
Railroad Spikes, 5/8 x 3-1/2	2 6-10 @ 2 7-10 ¢
Perkins' Horse Shoes, per keg of 100	\$4.37 1/2
Mule Shoes	5 3/4 ¢

RICHMOND.

ASA SNYDER, Iron Merchant and Furnace Agent, writes as follows, under date of June 25, 1883: Choice No. 1 Foundry Pig Iron has been advanced \$1 per ton. Many consumers are laying in supplies for balance of the year. We quote as below:

No. 1 Scotch Pig Iron	\$23.00 @ 26.50
No. 1 anthracite Pig Iron	21.00 @ 23.50
No. 2 "	20.00 @ 22.00
No. 1 Virginia Coke Pig Iron	20.00 @ 22.50
No. 2 "	19.00 @ 21.00
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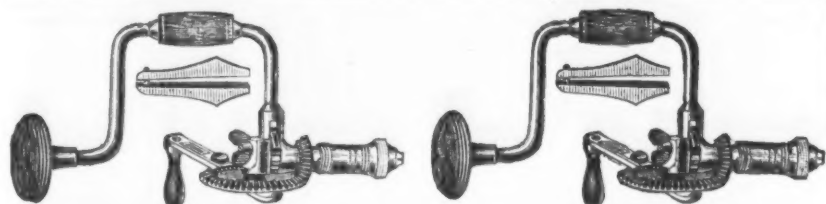
(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

LONDON, ENG., June 11, 1883.

THE IRON MARKET

Mexican Houses.

A correspondent of the *London Times*, writing from Mexico, says: "Springer, the capital of Colfax County, 716 miles from Kansas City, although surrounded by superior sandstone and some limestone rocks, at present consists of a few frame houses and some log shanties, interspersed with the true Mexican edifice, constructed of adobes, or bricks made of mud and water. The blocks, roughly cast in molds, are usually about four times the size of an English brick, and are sun-dried. In this almost rainless climate these dried-mud blocks are wonderfully durable; I have seen walls made by them 300 years ago still in good preservation. For the poorer class of Mexican dwellings, often about 16 x 12 feet, these adobes are usually placed singly, making a 10 to 12 inch wall, held together by a little mud mortar. An elevation of 8 to 10 feet, fir poles or rough-sawn timber are laid from the front to the back walls, some of them projecting out any regard to uniformity, 2 or 3 feet, and proving useful supports for suspending pig, tools, drying clothes, or even the baby in its basket. The walls are carried about a foot above the roof timbers, on which are generally tacked rough boards, covered with grouting of several inches of mud and gravel, from which rain is run off by a few wooden spouts or merely by holes left in the wall immediately over the rafters. Many of older adobes are without a window, and a doorway, without the superfluity of a frame, is sometimes closed, as required, by a buffalo hide or other curtain. A fireplace is not always provided, cooking often being done in a small beehive-like oven, placed outside. The internal arrangements of such a dwelling—thousands of which are met with throughout New and Old Mexico—are of the simplest description. In many of the poorer houses in remote localities the beds, if such they can be called, are of hides (laid on the sun-swept dirt floor), conveniently shaken and folded away when the occupants are absent. Many are still without either table or chair, for which a few rough stools are some-



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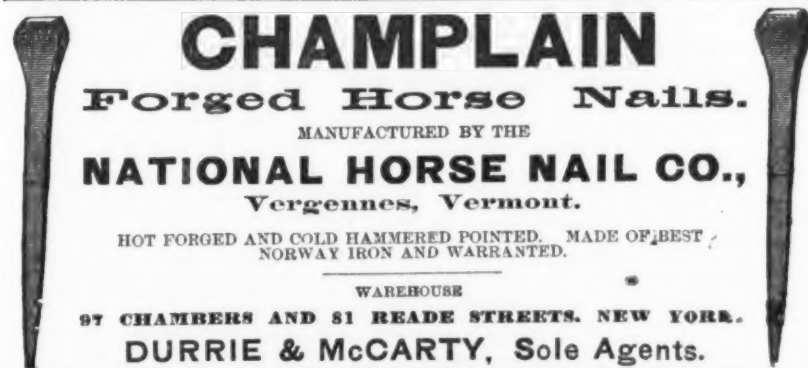
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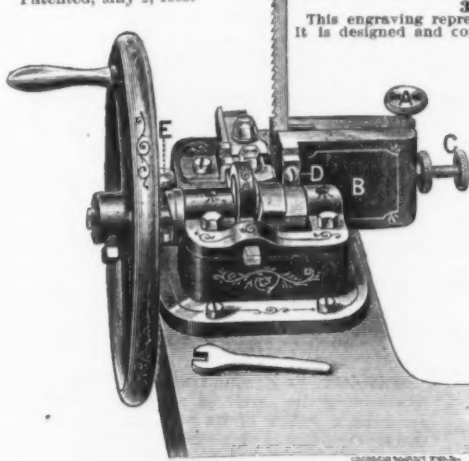
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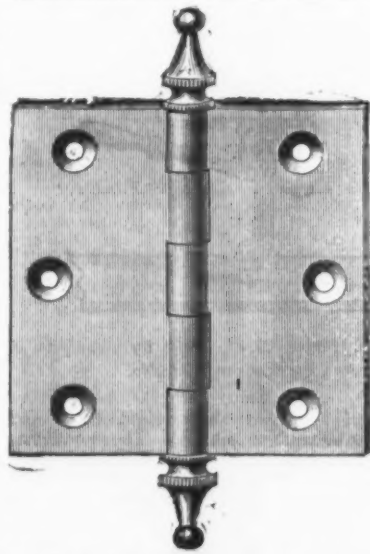
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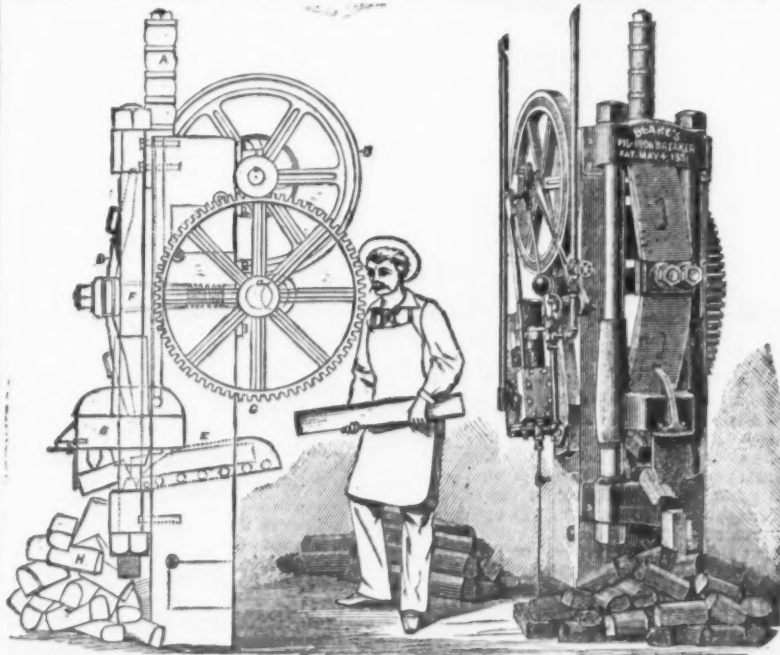
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DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT.

In an action for the breach of a contract the defendant asked the court to charge: "That it being admitted that the plaintiff gave J a half-interest in the contract in question, he, the plaintiff, in no aspect of the case, should recover more than one-half of the difference between the contract price and the price at the time and place of delivery." This request was refused, and a verdict for the full damages rendered. A motion for a new trial was made in the case—*Adley vs. Sears*—brought in the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York, and it was denied. Judge Cox, in the opinion, said: "In any view of the case, I am of the opinion that the plaintiff is entitled to recover the full amount. The legal title is in him, and payment of the judgment entered herein must discharge the defendant from every obligation under the contract."

DAMAGES FOR INFRINGEMENT OF PATENT.

A bill in equity was filed to recover damages for the infringement of a patent; there was no demand for an injunction. In this case—*Burdell vs. Comstock*—brought in the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of Ohio, the defendant demurred to the jurisdiction of the court, and his demurrer was overruled. Judge Baxter, in the opinion, said: "The proper forum in which to sue for damages arising from an infringement of a patent only is a court of law. But chancery courts may take cognizance of such cases if they involve some element of equitable jurisdiction. The bill here filed is for damages and an injunction, but the patent had only five days to run. It is therefore manifest that the prayer for an injunction was a mere pretext—a device to transfer a plain jurisdiction to award damages from a court of law, to which it properly belongs, to a court of equity. We have no hesitation in declaring that, upon these facts, this court never had jurisdiction of the case. The overruling of the demurrer was not conclusive. Objections to the jurisdiction are usually taken in the first instance, but a plain defect of jurisdiction may be insisted upon at the hearing."

LIABILITY OF SURETIES.

The sureties of the keeper of the records of taxes of a county were sued by the purchaser of land at a tax sale for his loss of the property, which had been recovered from him in ejectment, the taxes having been paid and the record falsified. He recovered a judgment and an appeal was taken in the case—*Perkins vs. Evans*—to the Supreme Court of Iowa, where the judgment was affirmed. Judge Adams, in the opinion, said: "Because the plaintiff acted in this purchase through an agent, and therefore had no personal knowledge of the condition of the record, the defendants contend that he cannot recover. In our opinion their position cannot be maintained."

MASTER AND SERVANT—NEGLIGENCE IN MINING.

A laborer in a mine was killed by the falling upon him of some water-pipe which was being hoisted out of the mine. The person in charge of the mine and who conducted its operation was W; he was appointed by K, who was the first agent in station at the works, representing the owner, who lived in a far distant place. K was an accountant only, and, being altogether ignorant of mining, he in no way whatever assumed to direct or control W. The defense in this case—*Ryan vs. Bagley*—was that the laborer and W were fellow-servants, and that as such they assumed the risk of each other's negligence. The plaintiff got a judgment, and the defendant appealed to the Supreme Court of Michigan, where the judgment was affirmed. The Chief Justice (Grave), in the opinion, said: "We must consider W under the evidence as the mining captain, intrusted with the management of the mine without direction or interference. He was not in any true sense a mere foreman or department leader or sub-chief in a given sphere of the mining operation. His agency covered the entire mine, and his capacity and direction dominated. In respect to legal accountability, his negligence was the negligence of the defendant. That he was put in control by the agent of the defendant does not relieve the defendant. In point of fact, he was in control."

SALE BY BROKER.

R, a lumber broker, wrote to C that he had sold a carload of shingles to H for his account, and asked him to forward the shingles directly to H, which was done. R had concealed from H that he was selling for another, and collected from him the purchase price, and H refusing to pay C, suit was brought—*Crosby vs. Hill*. The plaintiff recovered and the defendant appealed to the Supreme Court of Ohio, where the judgment was affirmed. Judge Doyle, in the opinion, said: "The broker has no possession of the goods, and therefore the purchaser cannot be deceived; and, besides, the employing of a person to sell goods as a broker does not authorize him to sell in his own name. If, therefore, he sells in his own name, he acts beyond the scope of his authority, and his principal is not bound. But it is said that by these means the broker would be enabled by his principal to deceive innocent persons. The answer, however, is obvious, that he cannot do so, unless the principal delivers over to him the possession and indicia of property."

BANKRUPTCY—SUBSEQUENT JUDGMENT.

A sued B for a debt, and six months later, and before the case could be tried, B was adjudicated a bankrupt. A year later A recovered a judgment, no stay having been got by B, and still a year later B got his discharge in bankruptcy. He then applied for a perpetual stay of proceedings on the judgment, on the ground that his discharge was a bar to its collection, but his application was denied, and in this case—*Boytton vs. Ball*—on error to the Supreme Court of Illinois, the action of the court below was affirmed. Judge Craig, in the opinion, said: "The question involved has led to much discussion among law writers, and although it has often arisen in the courts of England and the United States, the decisions are by no means harmonious. In Maine, Massa-

chusetts and other States the discharge does not release the judgment, while in New York, Vermont and others it does. But we are satisfied the better doctrine, and that, too, established by the later decisions, is that a judgment rendered after an adjudication in bankruptcy creates a debt which cannot be proved against the bankrupt's estate; that the indebtedness existing prior to the recovery becomes merged in the judgment."

EXEMPTION FROM EXECUTION.

Certain property belonging to a firm, but which was exempt from execution as the property of the members of the firm, was seized in execution and sold, against the objections of the owners. In this case an action for the conversion of the property taken was brought against the sheriff—*Waite vs. Mathews*. The plaintiff was defeated below, and he carried the case to the Supreme Court of Michigan, where the judgment was reversed. Judge Campbell, in the opinion, said: "We can see no reason for the ruling as to the exempt property. Creditors have no right to exempt property, and the officer levying is bound to respect it in the case of partners as well as in other cases."

The Courts and the Railroads.

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* discusses recent decisions of the courts in railroad cases as follows:

The doctrine that railroads are common carriers, in the well-known legal meaning of the words, has been so often affirmed by the courts in recent years that it may fairly be considered settled. It follows that the power of the Government over these corporations is practically absolute, and that the courts will uphold and enforce any sort of reasonable legislation for the control of their business. Indeed, there is good reason to infer that even in the absence of specific legislation the courts would in certain instances feel bound to protect the citizen against partiality or extortion, for example, on the part of a railroad, by determining in general principles what rates should be charged. The duty of common carriers is, first of all, to give equal service on equal terms, and for reasonable pay, to all who may wish to patronize them, and this rule must carry with it all that is essential to its observance and enforcement, even where there is an absence of direct statutory remedy. Such is the present attitude of the Federal courts, broadly stated, concerning the relations between the railroads and the people, and it is not likely to be changed or modified.

It has taken a long time to reach this obviously sound and wholesome conclusion. The proverbial conservatism and slowness of the courts, together with the new and peculiar character of the railroad business, have operated to hinder and postpone any fixed adjustment of the matter. But now that a starting point has been agreed upon, so to speak, a fundamental theory established, the tendency seems to be toward a compassing of all the features of the problem. For instance, there are plain signs of late that the courts will not only exert their authority for the settlement of the relative rights of the railroads and the people, but will also interfere between different railroads and compel them to deal with one another on uniform and equitable terms. The most notable of recent decisions in this direction was rendered at Denver the other day by Judge Hallett, of the United States District Court, following a previous decision in the same general controversy by Circuit Judge McCrary. We refer to the case of the Denver and New Orleans Railroad Co. vs. the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Co., relating exclusively to the business intercourse of these corporations with each other.

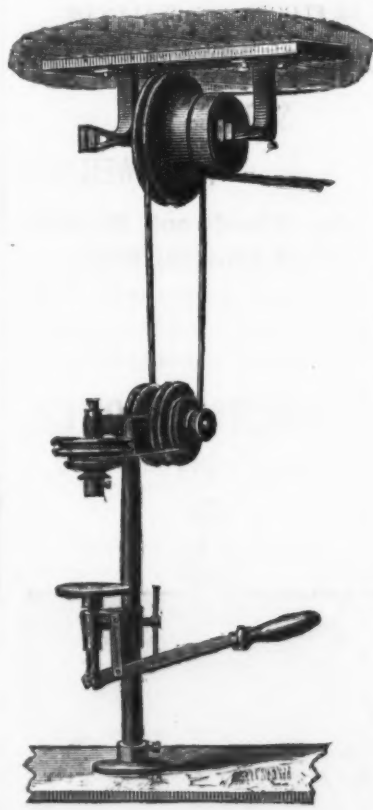
The history of this case presents, in substance, the following state of facts: The Denver and New Orleans and the Denver and Rio Grande have parallel lines of road from Denver to Pueblo, connecting at the latter place with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé. A contract was made between the Denver and Rio Grande and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé, whereby the latter agreed to do all its "through" business to Denver with the former at certain special rates. The Denver and New Orleans asked for the same kind of a contract as to rates on Denver business, which was refused. An action was then brought to compel the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé to exchange traffic with the Denver and New Orleans on the same terms accorded to the Denver and Rio Grande, and Judge McCrary decided in effect that it must be done, a degree being subsequently issued by Judge Hallett to that end. This decree, it appears, was evaded and disobeyed, and accordingly the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Co. was brought again into court on a charge of contempt. The result was that fines were imposed to the amount of \$400 for the acts complained of, and an order entered requiring restitution to be made to the Denver and New Orleans in such sum as a master in chancery shall find to be just and sufficient.

This application of the doctrine of common carriers is a necessary sequence of the decisions affirming the power of the courts to interpose, either by virtue of a statute or under the rules of common law, where the question affects only the transactions between a railroad and an individual. Otherwise, the railroad companies might, by combinations and preferences among themselves, defeat all attempts to promote the interests of commerce by the building of new roads, and, in a general way, make their own conditions and limitations. Such combinations, the Court says in the case we are considering, are nothing more nor less than "conspiracies" against the public welfare and convenience, and, therefore, illegal and void. Projects for the suppression of competition are declared to be as unauthorized and pernicious as schemes of discrimination and extortion, and as contrary to the spirit of the common-carrier principle. "It is not consistent with the public interest, or with common right," the Court goes on to assert, "that a railroad company should be permitted so to use its privileges—that is to say, its common-carrier franchise—as to secure to itself superior and exclusive advantages on other lines of transportation," or, oppositely,

to give such superior and exclusive advantages to other companies on its own line. In short, a common carrier is bound to avoid every purpose or appearance of monopoly. It must not only perform service for individual patrons on equal and reasonable terms, but it must refrain from obstructing rival enterprises that look to a division of its own traffic and a possible diminution of its own rates of compensation. This particular case has yet to be passed upon by the Supreme Court of the United States, it is true, but the late utterances of that tribunal, and the general course of the Federal judges throughout the country on the railroad question, leave little chance for doubt that it will stand as already decided.

Small Power Drill.

The drill shown in the accompanying engraving, which is manufactured by Messrs. Champlin & Spencer, of 152 and 154 Lake street, Chicago, Ill., is designed to fill a want with many persons who are desirous of drilling holes from $\frac{1}{8}$ inch down to smaller sizes, without being obliged to purchase high-priced larger and heavier machines. The pulleys of the drill afford three speeds, and are made of hardwood, as are also those on the countershaft. The diameter of the fast and loose pulleys on the countershaft is $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches, with face width of $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches. The diameter of the large driving pulley on countershaft is $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches, with a face of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The distance between the end of the spindle and the table, when the same is lowered as far as possible, is 13 inches. The distance from standard of drill to center of table is $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The extreme height of machine is 26 inches. The diameter of



Small Power Drill, Built by Champlin & Spencer, Chicago.

table is 5 inches. The weight of drill and countershaft is 42 pounds. The spindle has a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hole for receiving drills. In belting, the machine requires 15 feet, $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch twisted belting where it is used in a shop having a 12-foot ceiling. The table can be raised or lowered 2 inches by means of the lever. By the device on the back of the drill the table with lever attachment can be raised or lowered to suit the work being done, or it may be swung to one side entirely out of the way. The manufacturers offer this machine as well made in every part, and state that good material is used in its construction. It is so fitted as to run true, and is guaranteed to do satisfactory work. It is hardly necessary to point out in this connection where a small and cheap machine of this kind can be made extremely useful.

The Niagara Bridge of the Canada Southern Railroad.

The Canada Southern Railway bridge over Niagara River is to be built at a point about 300 feet above the present suspension bridge. The contractors have engaged, under a very heavy penalty, to complete the whole work by the 1st of December next, about eight months from the time of beginning operations. The time occupied in building the suspension bridge was three years. A comparison will give an idea of the vast progress made in recent years in the art of bridge building. The new structure will embody a new principle never before illustrated by any large work actually finished. Two similar bridges, however, are now being constructed—one the new Tay Bridge over the Firth of Forth, Scotland, and the second for the Canadian Pacific Railway over the Fraser River, British Columbia. Bridges built after the new design are known as the cantilever bridges. Each end is made up of a section extending from the shore nearly half way over the chasm. Each section is supported about its center by a strong tower. The outer arm having no support, and being subject, like the other, to the weight of trains, a counter advantage is given by the shore arm being anchored or weighted.

This style of bridge has been adopted so as to avoid the very great expense involved in the construction of a suspension bridge. The towers on either side will rise from the water's edge. Between them will be a clear span of 500 feet over the river. The shore arm of each cantilever having been built and anchored, the other arm will be constructed in sections of 25 feet, the whole

being made self-sustaining as each section is added. The ends of the cantilevers will reach only 375 feet beyond the towers, leaving a gap of 125 feet to be filled. The link will be supplied by an ordinary truss bridge, which will be swung into place and rested on the ends of the cantilevers. Here provision will be made for expansion and contraction by allowing play between the ends of the truss bridge and of the cantilevers. At the same time the bridge will be thoroughly braced, so as to prevent danger from the lateral pressure of the wind. The "wave" motion perceptible on a suspension bridge will not be felt on the new structure. The total length of the bridge will be 595 feet. It will have a double track and will be strong enough to bear two of the heaviest freight trains extending the entire length of the structure, and under a side pressure of wind at 75 miles per hour, and even then it is to be strained to only one-fifth of its ultimate strength.

The towers will not rest on bed-rock, as the rush of the river would sweep away any caissons or other works intended to be used for excavations, but the foundations will be in the large boulders that have dropped from the cliff during the past ages, the crevices being filled in with cement, making a solid foundation. The pressure will be so divided that upon the foundation rocks it will be only 25 pounds per square inch. The top of the stone structures will be 50 feet above the water level, and from these the steel towers supporting the cantilevers will rise 130 feet. From the tower foundations up the whole bridge will be of steel, every inch of which will be subject to the most rigid tests from the time it leaves the ore to the time it enters the structure.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

STRENGTH OF MATERIALS. By THOMAS BOZ. Published by Messrs. E. & F. N. Spon, London and New York. Size, $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ inches; 525 pages. Price, \$7.25.

One of the latest additions to the list of valuable engineering text-books is the above work, a copy of which reached us a short time since. The book, as its title alone will show, covers a wide field, and the author in his endeavors has been eminently successful in presenting the matter in a popular and pleasing shape, and devoid of all intricate mathematical manipulations which in so many cases effectually prevent the reader from intelligently perusing the subjects presented. The twenty-three chapters embodied in the work, together with an appendix, will be found to contain a large amount of valuable information, practical examples being given in numerous instances in order to more clearly explain the methods of calculation adopted. Not the least interesting and valuable feature of the book are a number of tables, giving the strengths of different materials used in engineering works, the tensile strain on pump-rods in practice, permanent sets of cast iron under tensile and compressive strains, and a host of others too numerous to mention. Some 225 engravings distributed over 27 plates, constitute the concluding portion of the work. Were it not for the fact that they give rise to an excessive amount of annoyance, necessitating, as they do, a constant turning from one portion of the book to another for reference, they would be considered a desirable adjunct to the text. As it is, they are ever suggestive of a deplorable lack of judgment in the arrangement of the matter, and can never meet with the favor of the reader. We have at different times had occasion to dwell upon this point, and have been supported and strengthened in our opinion by the numerous complaints from readers who have explained the difficulties mentioned, and it is to be hoped that the practice of arranging engravings in this manner will in the future be abandoned by the few who have thus far retained it.

CONVERSION TABLES. By Robert H. Thurston. Published by John Wiley & Sons. Size, $6 \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ inches; 83 pages. Price, \$1.

The contents of this work are the metric tables, the British and the United States tables, abstract of conversion tables by Lieutenant Birnie, the conversion tables by Noble, and a variety of additional conversion tables and the centimeter-gram-second system of units. The work is completed by three pages of four-figure logarithms, which are exceedingly compact. The work is a great convenience, and will be a valuable addition to the mechanics' standard books of reference.

THE ENGINEER'S SLIDE RULE AND ITS APPLICATION. By William Tonkes; size, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 7$ inches; 35 pages. Price, 25 cents.

This little book is No. 6 of the "Work Manuals" published by the Industrial Publication Co., and, like the others of the series, is eminently practical in its scope. In the slide rule, as in any other system of mechanical or graphic methods for calculation, it is absolutely essential that the reasons for the different operations should be clearly understood, and the principles on which the method depends be made perfectly familiar. These principles the author has endeavored to demonstrate in a clear manner in order to give the reader a perfect command of the instrument. As a means for the performance of complex calculations quickly and without effort the slide rule and its modifications are unrivaled. Problems which would require long and tedious calculation, even to obtain rough approximations, can be solved with any of the slide rules in the market very quickly and with an error which is quite small. If taken only as a means for ready and approximate solution of such problems, the slide rule will be found of immense value on any engineer's desk.

Nails in the Days of Our Great-Grandfathers.—To obtain the supply of nails was in the eighteenth century by no means the easy problem that it is now, and many substitutions and makeshifts, such as wooden pins, bolts, clamps, riders, &c., were resorted to to supply the inevitable deficiency. All nails were hammered out by hand at the anvil, and nothing like uniformity in weight or size was attempted. All were of wrought iron, and at best clumsily constructed, and because of their softness, when one was once started the driver was never sure of its ultimate direction. Every hard substance turned

them aside, and holes had to be bored for them in hardwood. Unavailing efforts were made to cast nails singly in molds, but from their brittleness they were found worthless. On our desk before us, says an exchange, we have a collection of nails drawn from the pulpit whence Patrick Henry electrified America by that speech which yet rings through the land with its imperishable burden of liberty or death. These nails were all made in England and brought to Virginia, together with a large proportion of the other building materials early used in America. Like all their prototypes, these are rudely shaped, generally sharp at the point, like a modern horse-nail, thence rapidly getting thicker to the middle, whence they taper slightly to the head. The latter has in all cases been entirely disfigured by driving. They are all sizes, from half an inch to five inches in length, thick or thin without regard to length, and bearing everywhere the imprints of the hammer. When we consider how long it must have taken the blacksmith to pound out a keg of these, we can form some slight conception of the advantages we enjoy from modern methods and appliances.

Taxation of Government Bonds.

Volume XC of the New York Reports, just issued, contains an opinion of the Court of Appeals on an interesting and important point touching the taxation of United States Government bonds. It is well known that these securities are exempt from local taxation. The question before the Court of Appeals was whether the premium on them can be taxed. The assessors in this city had assessed the trustees of an estate at \$600,000 for personal property. When it appeared that the property consisted of Government bonds, the assessment was reduced to \$72,000, which was the excess of the market over the par value of the bonds. The special term of the Supreme Court sustained the assessment for this reduced amount, holding that the premium on the bonds was not exempt from taxation. This decision was affirmed by the General Term, but both of the lower courts are overruled by the Court of Appeals, which holds that the market value of the bonds is no more subject to taxation than their par value. The court says:

"There is nothing in the statutes which confines the exemption from taxation to the par value of the bonds, and there is nothing in the reason on which such exemption is based which should so confine it. The fact that Government bonds are above par is a mere incident. They may in the market be worth more or less than par, and they may fluctuate from week to week and month to month, depending upon the conditions of trade, commerce, finances and other matters. The fact that they are above par may be due to the plethora and cheapness of money, and not to any actual increase in value as compared with any fixed standard. * * * If the premiums upon such bonds, over which the holder has no control, which he can neither create nor destroy, and which do not really indicate any enhanced value of the bonds, can be taxed, the policy of the law as to the exemption of Government securities from taxation would be greatly violated. The premium is part of the entire value of the bond, and when that is taxed the bond is taxed; or, what is equally condemned, the value or a part of the value of the bond is taxed. A conception of the premium upon a bond as a distinct entity for the purpose of taxation is too transcendental and metaphysical for common comprehension and judicial cognizance."

This decision is sound and sensible. In rendering it the Court of Appeals virtually reverses a ruling of its own made two or three years ago on this very question.

Ferro-Prussiate Multiplying Process.

An improvement has recently been made, says *Engineering*, in this very convenient process for producing copies of drawings in white lines on blue ground, by Messrs. Schlischer and Schüll, of Düren, Rhenish Prussia. These enterprising paper manufacturers have introduced a continuous transparent drawing parchment, in rolls 40 inches wide, and at a very reasonable cost, which is sufficiently transparent to be used in place of the usual tracing, and is still an excellent drawing paper, with a very fine surface, takes pencil and ink well, and will allow lines in pencil to be rubbed out or ink lines to be either scraped out or washed off the surface. It is, moreover, exceedingly tough and well suited for small scale drawings. The instructions for producing blue prints supplied by the above-mentioned firm are as follows: Ammonia citrate of iron, 2 pounds $5\frac{1}{2}$ ounces avoird; red prussiate of potash, 1 pound 9 ounces avoird; dissolve separately in water, mix and make the whole up to 1 gallon, this solution to be carefully kept from light. Ordinary paper, upon which the copy is to be produced, is then well brushed over with the solution in a dark room, and there left to dry. The drawing in transparent parchment or a tracing is then placed in a copying frame, with its face to the glass; a piece of ferro-prussiate paper is placed behind and the frame closed, taken out of the dark room and exposed to sunlight. The yellowish-green color of the prepared paper changes through bluish-green and bluish-gray tints into an olive green with metallic reflections; at this stage the process must be interrupted, the frame taken back in the dark room and opened, the drawing washed in cold rain water until the lines are pure white on blue ground, when it can be dried between blotting paper. To be able to watch the progress of the process better, it is advisable to leave the ferro-prussiate paper longer than the frame; the exposure varies with the intensity of the light from 5 to 30 minutes; correct time for stopping is soon learned.

The question of what is the best cylinder oil is often asked, and yet does not seem to have received a very definite answer. Castor oil has been used very frequently in high-speed engines with eminent satisfaction, and was, we understand, used for a long time in the Porter-Allen engines at Willimantic. In

another instance, we know of a case where it has been used for a long time in a 22 by 36 engine running 130 revolutions per minute. Those who like castor oil seem to be enthusiastic in its favor, while others who do not succeed with it are equally anxious to prove its bad qualities. Sperm and the other animal oils are generally considered out of the question. Practically, it would seem that a good deal yet remains to be said in regard to the oils most suitable for different kinds of cylinders.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

MAINE.

The Lincoln Iron Works, manufacturers of stone mill and quarry machinery, are driven day and night to fill orders, mainly on gang saws for the marble producing mills. Orders are nearly filled for 30 gangs of these saws. The company also manufacture a heavy line of wood-working machinery, shafting, pulleys and gearing. A large business is also done in rubbing beds for marble mills, which is one of their principal specialties.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The new tool company at Greenfield, to be known as the Greenfield Tool Works, is to start up the old tool company's shops. It is understood that cutlery will be the principal line of manufacture.

A case of interest to manufacturers is pending in the Superior Court, in the suit by the Florence Machine Co. against the Attleboro Stove Works for breach of contract. A year ago the Florence Co. contracted with the Attleboro Co. for 5000 complete stoves. After having supplied about 600 the contract was given up and the Florence Co. lost \$5000, it is claimed. The defendants say that patterns were not supplied in time.

More than 10,000 pairs of iron lasts have been made in Worcester within a few months. The inventor and manufacturer has disposed of his patents to an iron-last company of New York, who will establish iron-last manufacturing in Chicago, San Francisco, and other important boot and shoe manufacturing centers, and will make Worcester the chief point for supplying iron lasts to boot and shoe manufacturers in the New England States, thus adding a new and important branch of manufacturing to the industries of that city.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The coal product of the Schuylkill region for the week ending June 16 was 180,188 tons, as against 100,354 tons for the week previous, and 148,219 tons for the corresponding week of last year. The total product for the week was 739,774 tons, against 701,864 tons for the same week of last year, an increase of 37,910 tons. The total product for the year was 12,629,838 tons, against 11,247,046 tons for the corresponding period of last year, an increase of 1,382,792 tons.—Potterville Journal.

The puddle department of the Allentown Rolling Mill resumed work on Monday of last week. Six of the 17 furnaces are lit up. The rolls in the rail mill will be tried some time this week for making girder iron.

The Peerless Colliery, at Shamokin, owned and operated by Messrs. Cruikshank & Emes, was on Thursday sold to the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. The colliery employs nearly 300 men and boys, and is very remunerative. The price paid is said to be \$50,000.

A break last week at the bottom of Leeson Furnace beneath the trough caused the escape of about 30 tons of iron, which ran into the casting house, and at one time threatened the destruction of the buildings by fire. Prompt action of the men, however, prevented any further damage.

Many of the departments of the Phoenix Iron Co., Phoenixville, have been started on double turn.

It is probable that the Iowa Barbed Wire Works will be removed from Johnston to Easton. The orders of the works are so heavy as to cause them to run 14 hours per day.

Powelson Furnace, at Saxton, Bedford County, will have a mate, as Mr. Powell intends to build a second furnace soon. He also intends to put up 50 more coke ovens, making 155 in all. The lands from which he draws his supplies, including fossil and hematite ores, have an extent of 25 miles in length, and are owned by him.

A nail factory is to be started at Catawissa.

OHIO.

The La Belle Glass Works, Bridgeport, are arranging to close down on June 30. There will be some very necessary repairs made during the vacation, and in August it will start up again, and no doubt will be able to do as much as ever.

The Youngstown Steel Casting Co. is at present idle, there being neither demand nor price offered for their products that would warrant them in running. During their usual shut-down this summer the William Anson Wood mower and reaper works contemplate enlarging their foundry in order to increase their capacity for production.—Youngstown News Register.

The Akron Cutlery Co. is being reorganized into a \$30,000 stock company, most of which has already been taken by Akron capitalists.

The new Maumee Rolling Mill, at Toledo, will be put in operation July 1. It is expected 2000 men will be employed.

The plate department of Ward's New Philadelphia mill is idle, owing to a breakage of the driving-wheels.

Girard Furnace is producing over 100 tons Bessemer pig per day.

ILLINOIS.

The Chicago Spring Co.'s works are being enlarged, and some new machinery is being added.

The North Pier Foundry Co., of Chicago, cast last week a two-ton press for the Chi-

cago Stamping Co., and are taxed to their utmost to keep up with their orders.

The machine shop for the new watch factory to be erected at Aurora will be built at once.

MISSOURI.

The Laclede Fire-Brick Mfg Co. are now operating 23 kilns, 5 of which are 24-foot ones. Their retort department is crowded beyond precedent, their orders for this kind of goods exceeding by more than 100 per cent. those of any other season. Among their recent orders were one from the Springfield (Ohio) Gas Works for the building of five benches of sixes, being the second order from that works; one from the Wheeling Gas Works for the building of 12 benches, and another from the Cincinnati Gas Works for 600,000 fire-brick.

The Missouri Malleable Iron Co., who recently increased their capital stock, are making arrangements to more than double their present capacity by building one or two more furnaces, putting in new machinery and extending their foundry by the putting up of a new addition. These improvements will be completed some time in July, when the company expect to be able to meet promptly every order for malleables. Their foundry department is full of work.

WISCONSIN.

The merchant mill, blast furnace and six furnaces in the puddling mill of the North Chicago Rolling Mill Co.'s works at Bay View are now in operation. The other two furnaces of the puddling mill will probably remain idle for some time. The first plate-mill will be started up as soon as the repairs are completed. The blast furnace will probably be "banked" within a few days, and the company are talking some of converting the rail-mill, which has been idle since last January, into a mill for the manufacture of nails.—Chicago Industrial World.

The Texas State Penitentiaries' Blast Furnace.—The Penitentiary Board of Texas will receive, at Austin, sealed proposals, up to 1 o'clock p. m., July 16, 1888, for the labor of from 500 to 1000 convicts belonging to the Texas State Penitentiaries at Huntsville and Rusk. According to the Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association, the following circular has been received from the board: "The buildings of the Rusk Penitentiary are in an area of about nine acres, enclosed by a high brick wall. There has recently been purchased for this prison, but not yet placed, about \$75,000 worth of new first-class machinery for wood and iron work. Just outside the walls, and considered a part of the penitentiary, there is being erected, according to the most improved modern plans, a blast furnace for smelting iron ore, with a capacity of 25 tons of pig iron per day. This furnace, when completed, will cost nearly \$45,000. The hills surrounding the penitentiary abound with iron ore of the brown hematite class of very fine quality, and tests show that it will yield from 40 to 50 per cent. of metallic iron. This iron has been proved to be well adapted to the manufacture of car wheels and castings. A person contracting for this furnace and convict labor to operate it will have the right to use the ore on several thousand acres of land. Wood for making charcoal may be procured near by or on the line of the railroad. This penitentiary was located at Rusk because of the large deposit of iron ore in the vicinity, and with a view of working it."

Wood-Polishing Wheels.—The great advantages to be gained in the use of wood-polishing wheels in many instances have not been fully appreciated by machinists and metal finishers, owing largely to the fact that, in machine shops especially, the right time never comes for making them, or if they are made, owing to the lack of facilities and experience, the wheels are not satisfactory in character. Recognizing the general failing in wood-polishing wheels of common construction, and the advantages to be gained by the proper employment of these wheels, the Union Stone Co., of Boston, Mass., have fitted up a special department for their manufacture, and now announce that they are in condition to furnish first-class wheels of this description at so low a price that no machine shop or metal-finishing establishment can afford to make their own or be without them. From their circular, which we have recently received, we learn that the best-seasoned lumber is employed, and that the wheels are put together in the most thorough and substantial manner to keep them always strong and true. The best leather is used in covering, and is firmly fastened to the wheel, which is perfectly balanced. The wheels are made with an iron-flange bushing, which is fitted to any sized arbor or machine. Wheels with faces of special shape are prepared to order.

According to a dispatch from Indiana, Pa., the Mahoning Furnace Co., of Armstrong County, made an assignment on Thursday last. The liabilities are given at \$70,000, and the assets, it is claimed, are \$75,000.

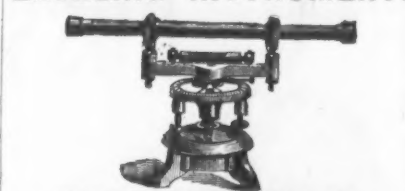
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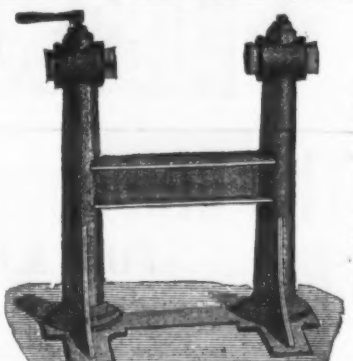
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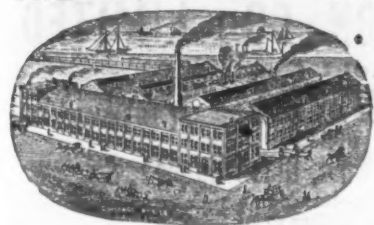
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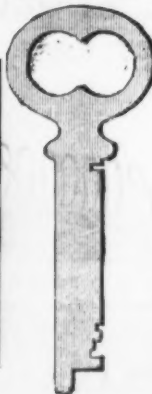
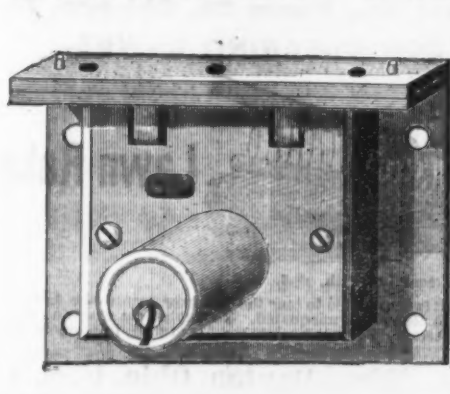
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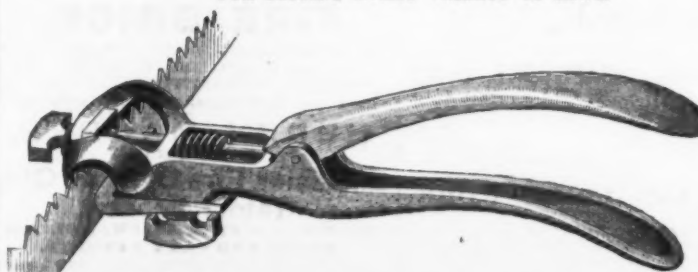
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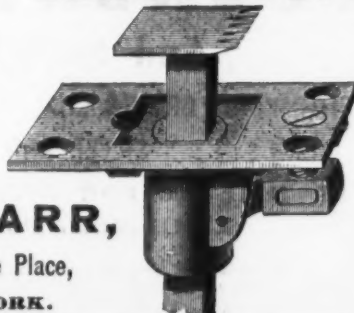
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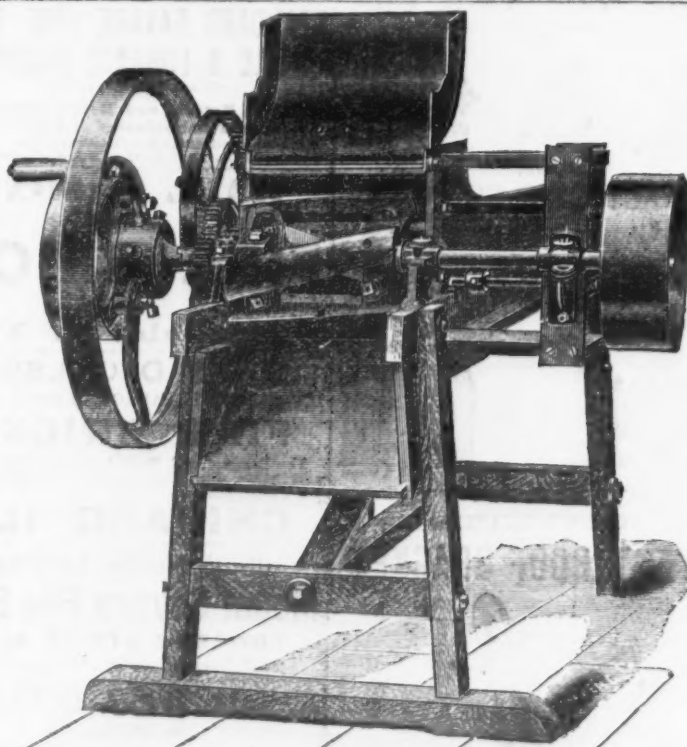
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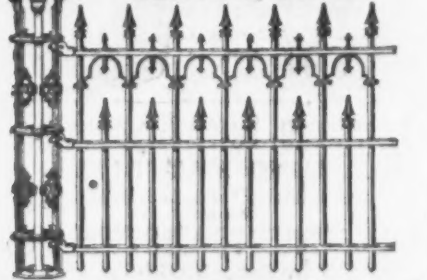
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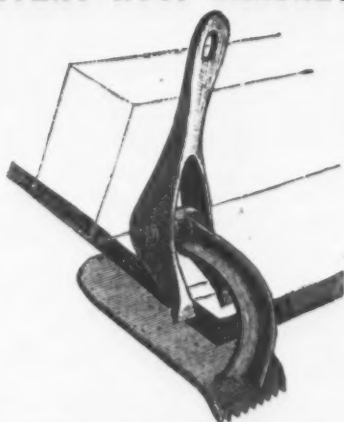
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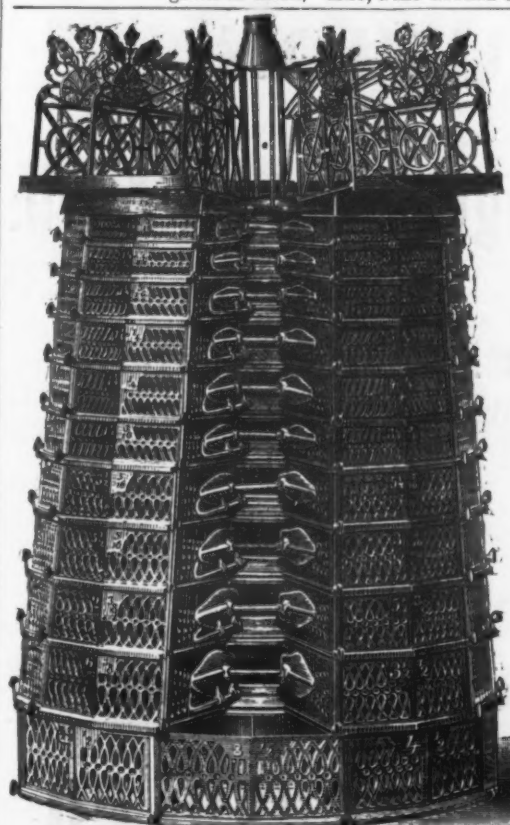
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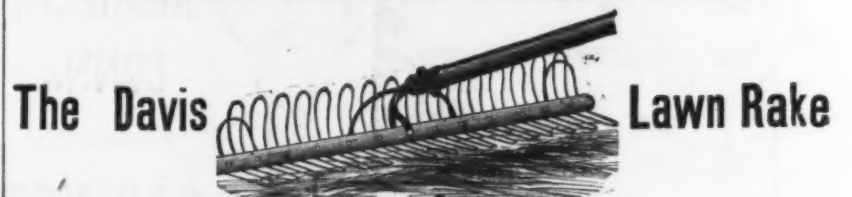
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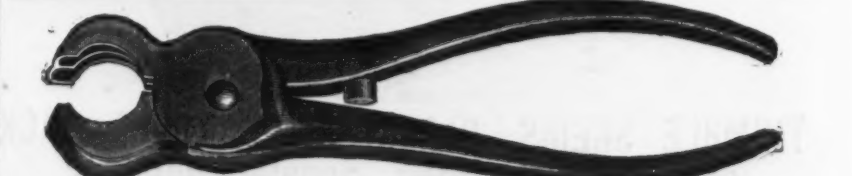
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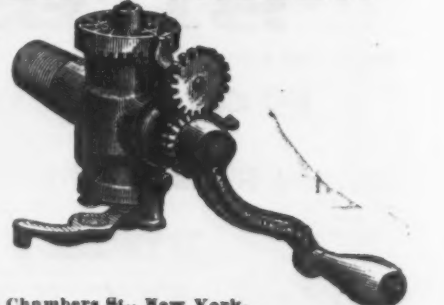
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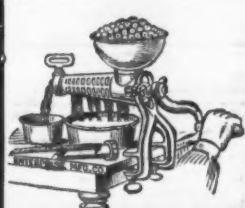

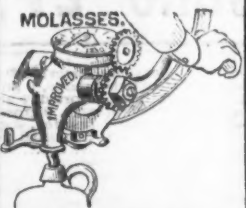
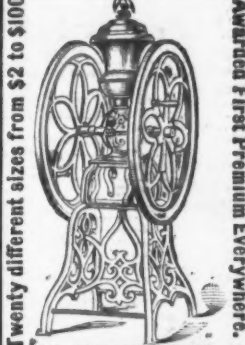

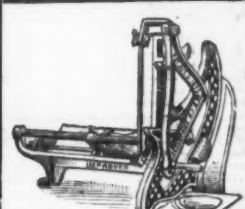
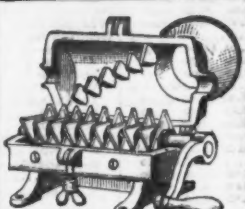

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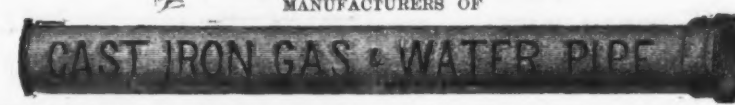
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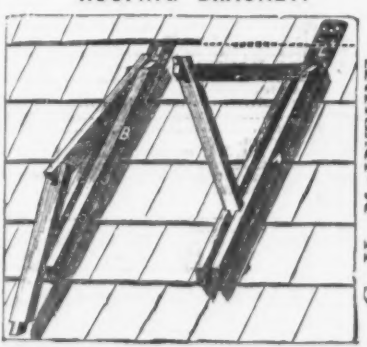
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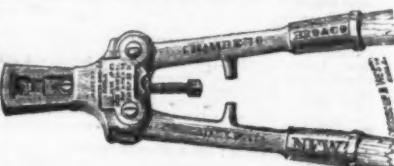
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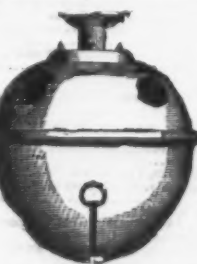
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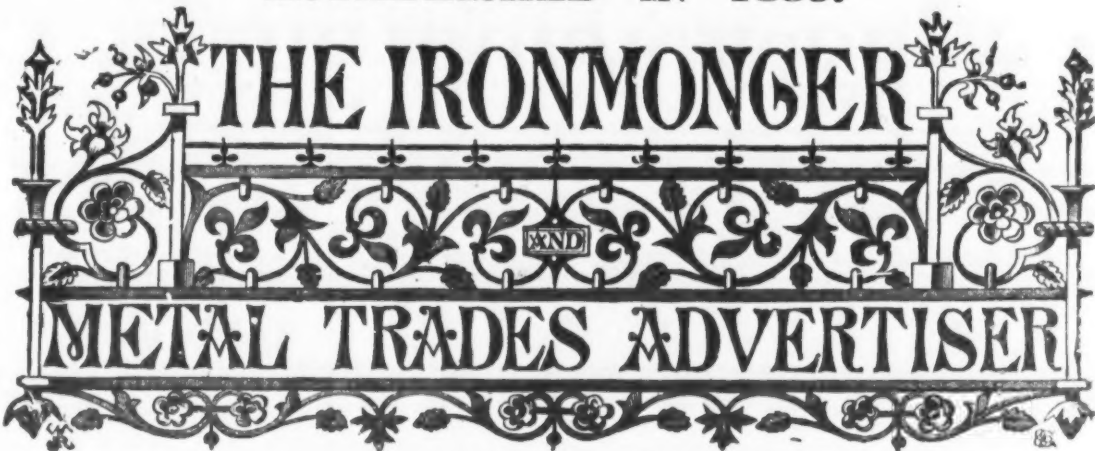
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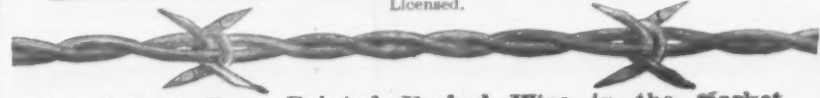
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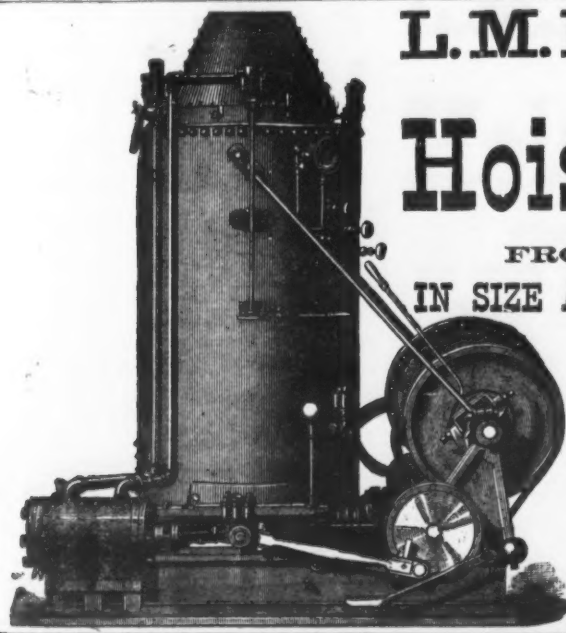
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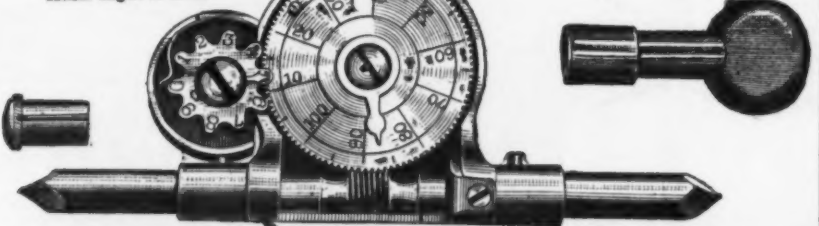
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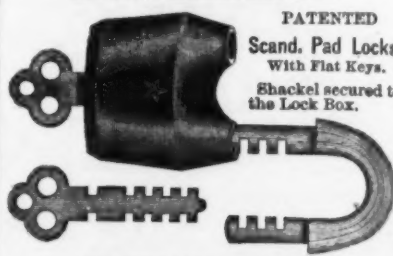
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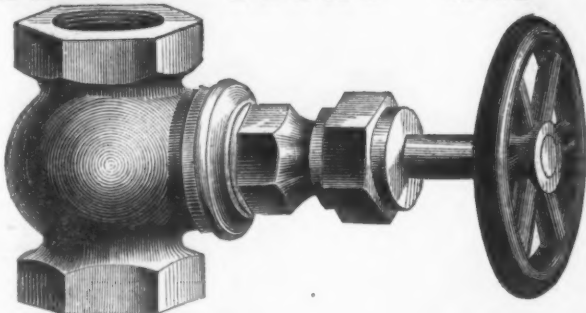
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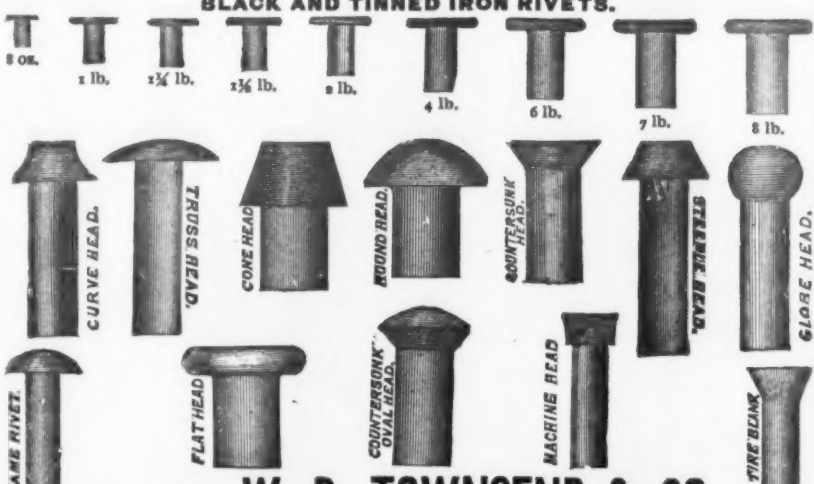
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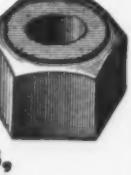


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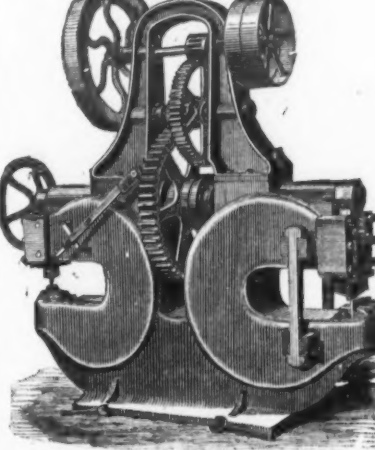
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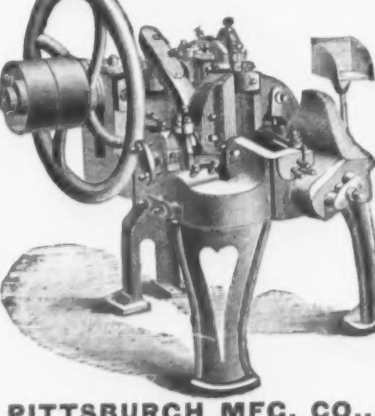
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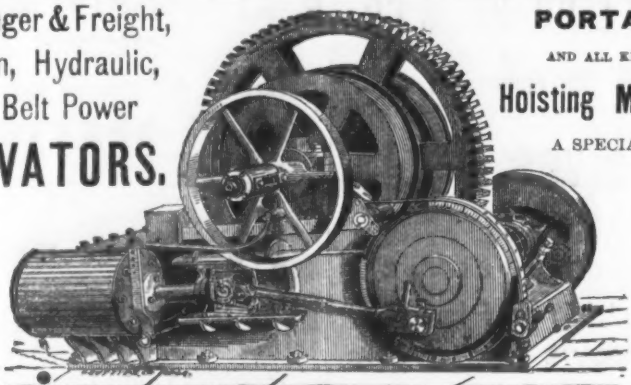
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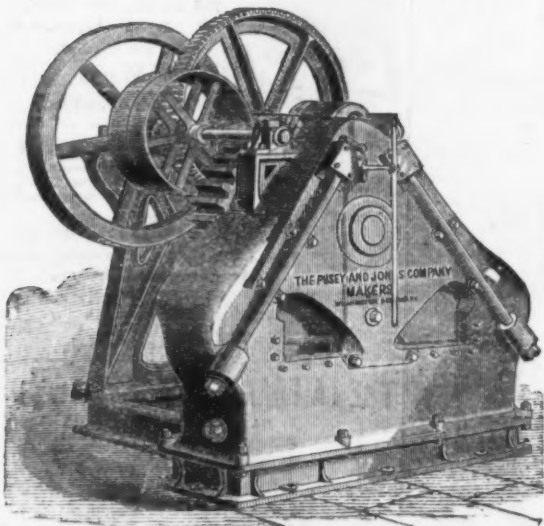
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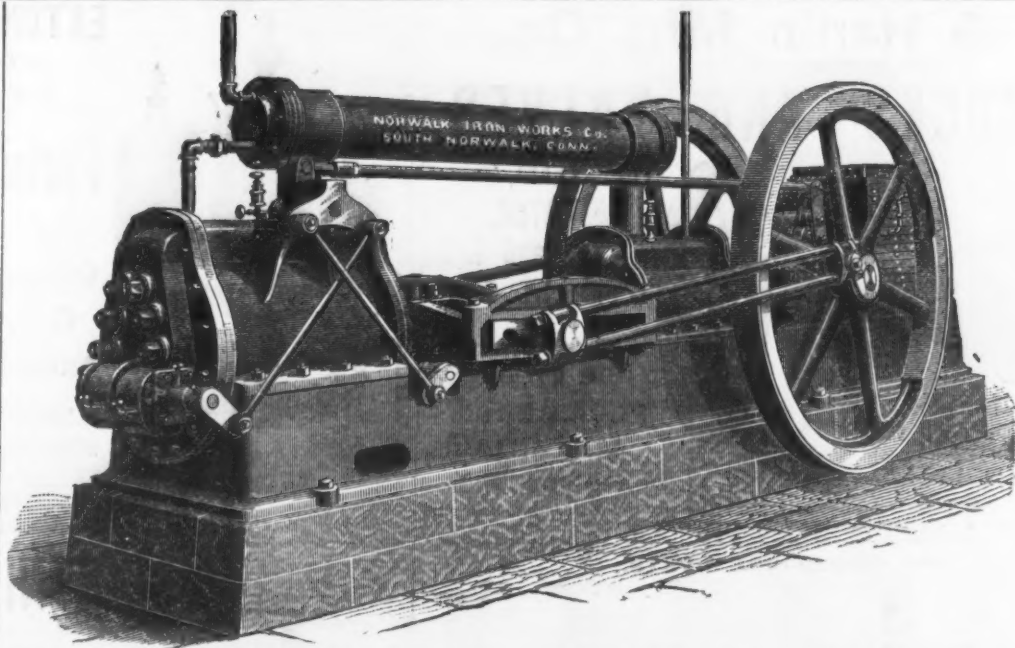
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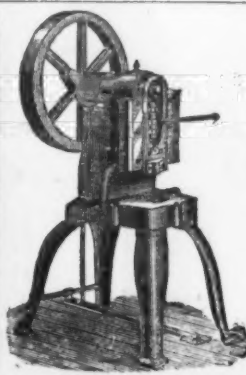
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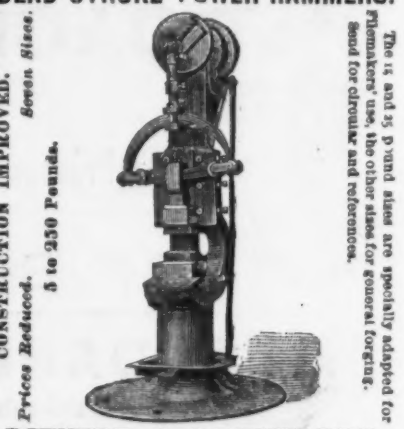
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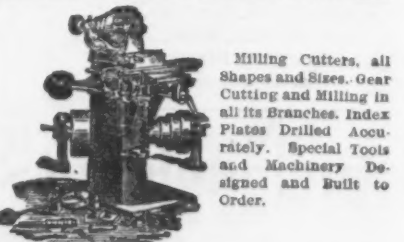
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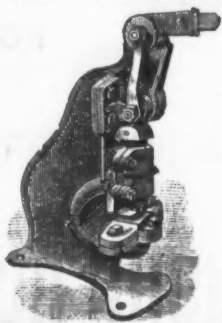
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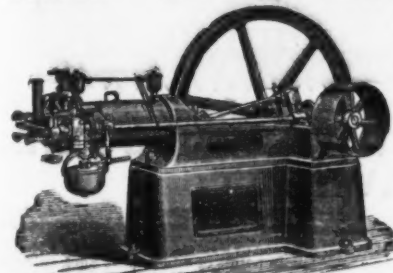
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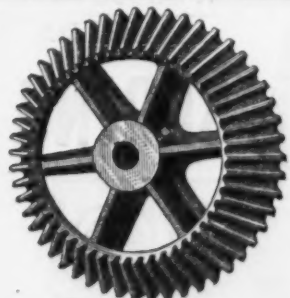


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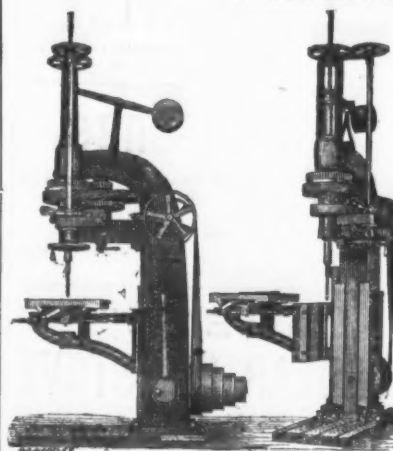
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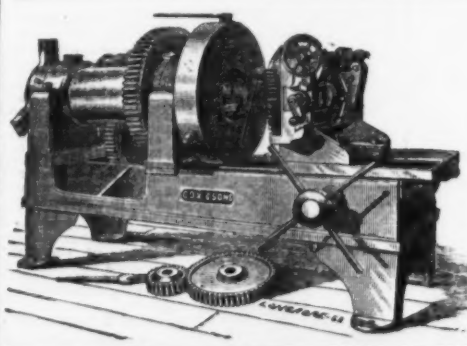
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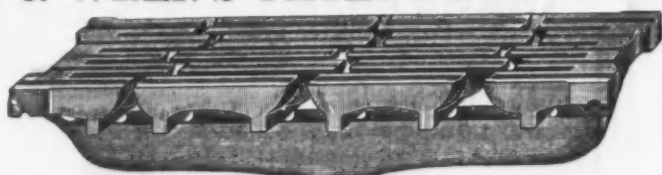
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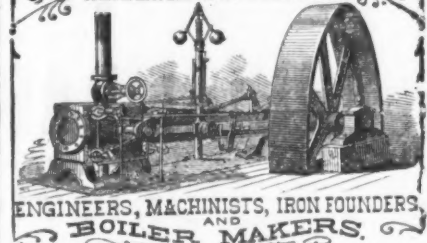
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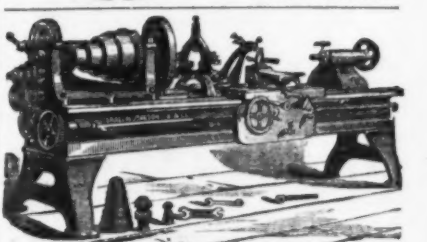
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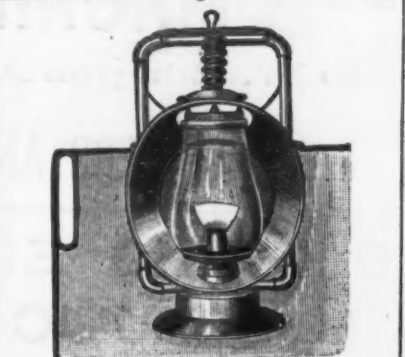
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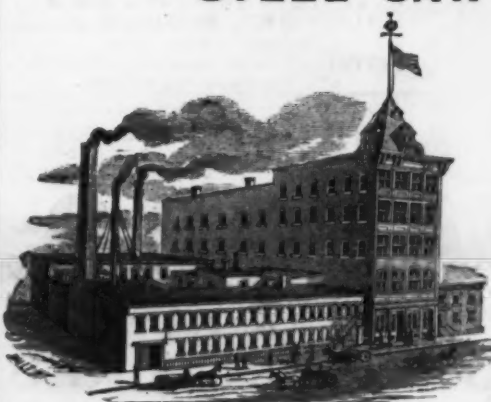
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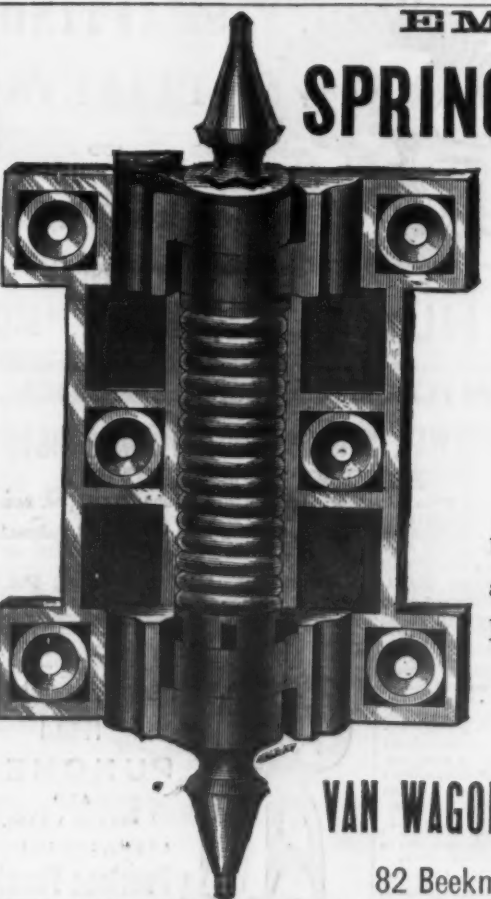
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